



## HOLDING THEIR OWN AT THE EDGE

U.S., Afghan forces are lone guards between Taliban routes

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*Stars and Stripes*

**T**ON THE AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN BORDER the battle had taken place several weeks before. But the soldiers knew their boots were dusty from the climb up a mountain that was stained with the blood of their enemies.

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Rickard stood on the mountain ridge and pointed down its eastern slope into Pakistan. That cluster of houses belongs to Aleesh, the area's Taliban commander, he said. To the west is a clear shot to Spera, the combat outpost where this new contingent of soldiers from the Georgia National Guard was taking up post.

And right here on this mountain, called TRP Red, 100 Taliban stormed their way up on March 8, trying to overrun the handful of Afghan soldiers guarding the border observation post on the connecting peak. Had they succeeded, they would have been in position to take out Spera.

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U.S. troops with the Georgia National Guard's 48th BCT, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment take in the view after climbing up to a small Afghan army post west of Spera Combat Outpost. A dozen U.S. soldiers arrived at Spera with a new company of Afghan National Army forces on June 24. The outpost, in a valley along the Pakistan border, is an obstacle to Taliban border-crossing routes and the site of frequent battles. From left, Cpl. Joshua Cavalier, Sgt. Nicholas Nigro, Sgt. Louis Bravo, Sgt. 1st Class Chad Rickard and 1st Lt. Joel Moore.

## Bombings claim 4 Marines in southern Afghanistan

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KABUL — Bomb blasts killed four U.S. Marines in southern Afghanistan, where thousands of American troops have deployed in recent weeks as part of an offensive in the country's dangerous drug-producing region, an official said Sunday.

The four Marines died Saturday in Helmand province, where about 4,000 troops this month launched the largest Marine operation in Afghanistan since 2001. U.S. forces have met little resistance but face the danger of roadside bombs everywhere they travel.

A fifth U.S. servicemember wounded in combat in June died Friday in the U.S., said Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker, who confirmed the deaths of the four Marines. The four killed Saturday were initially identified as Army soldiers.

The five deaths bring to 106 the number

of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan this year — a record pace. Last year 151 U.S. troops died in the country.

The U.S. casualties come on the heels of eight British deaths in Helmand during a 24-hour period that ended Friday, deaths that have triggered a debate in Britain about its role in Afghanistan. Britain has now lost more troops in Afghanistan than it did in Iraq.

President Barack Obama ordered 21,000 additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan earlier this year to help quell an increasingly violent Taliban insurgency. Some 10,000 Marines and 4,000 soldiers from the Stryker Brigade are deploying in the south, the Taliban's spiritual birthplace and stronghold.

The troops are expected to help provide security for the country's August presidential election and help train army and police units that U.S. officials hope can one day provide security for the country.

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**"I hope that whatever decision I make would not have a negative impact on the president's agenda. But that can't be a part of my decision."**

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## U.S.: Manas deal to boost Asia security

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — A new agreement allowing the U.S. to maintain its air base in Kyrgyzstan for Afghan operations will help to ensure stability across Central Asia, a top American diplomat said Sunday.

Several months after ordering U.S. forces to leave the Manas base by mid-August, Kyrgyzstan last month agreed to a deal that will let the U.S. continue to use the important support facility for the war in Afghanistan.

The new transit center agreement will help "ensure that violent extremism and instability doesn't spill over into other parts of the region," William Burns, the U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs, told reporters in the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek.

Under the new one-year lease approved by President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, the air base at Kyrgyzstan's main airport will be designated as a transit center and the rent increased to \$60 million a year, from \$17 million.

The facility will be used for the logistical support of operations in Afghanistan and "to help ensure the efficient movement of personnel back and forth between Afghanistan and our coalition partner countries," Burns said.

The lease is renewable, but Burns would not say how long the U.S. might want to stay. "We're very pleased with the new transit center agreement, and we're not looking to get ahead of ourselves at this point," he said.



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Air Force Reserve aerial porters work with maintainers to load an HH-60 Pave Hawk rescue helicopter into a C-17 Globemaster III at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. A new agreement allowing the U.S. to maintain its air base in Kyrgyzstan for Afghan operations will help to ensure stability across Central Asia, William Burns, the U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs, said Sunday from the Kyrgyz capital.**

The U.S. is also starting new programs to strengthen cooperation with Kyrgyzstan against terrorism and the narcotics trade, Burns said.

His talks followed a visit by top Russian officials last week, which prompted speculation that Russia is seeking or has secured use of a

second air base in southern Kyrgyzstan, in addition to its existing Kant base near Bishkek.

Russia has been wary of U.S. activity in the former Soviet republic, and the February order to evict U.S. forces from Manas was widely seen as influenced by Moscow.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev hinted in remarks Friday that Moscow may be seeking to increase its own military presence in Kyrgyzstan, though he said nothing concrete about the matter.

Kyrgyz officials have not commented.

## GI gets 3 years, discharge for involuntary manslaughter

Stars and Stripes

A U.S. soldier who the military says fatally shot a fellow soldier in Iraq by accident has been sentenced to three years' confinement but will serve 30 months.

On July 11, Sgt. Miguel A. Vegaquiones also received a reduction in rank to private and a dishonorable discharge in the death of Pfc. Sean McCune, according to a news release issued by Multi-National Corps—Iraq.

Vegaquiones negligently fired a round

from his weapon on Jan. 11 in Samarra after completing guard duty, officials say.

He pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Under a pretrial agreement, his sentence was limited to 30 months' confinement and a charge of making a false official statement was dismissed.

Involuntary manslaughter carries a maximum sentence of 10 years' confinement, and making a false official statement, up to five years.

McCune had been in Iraq for about a month

before the incident, officials said.

Both Vegaquiones and McCune were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. But Vegaquiones was temporarily attached to the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company pending the outcome of the case.

The Army Court of Criminal Appeals automatically reviews all cases in which U.S. Army soldiers are sentenced to confinement of more than a year.

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# Analyst: U.S. military advantages disappearing

Defense adviser says new threats challenge dominance that the U.S. has taken for granted

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American military dominance is eroding in the face of an ascendant Chinese power, hostile states like Iran and the spread of sophisticated weapons and technology to militant groups, and the Pentagon must reassess its long-term strategy, according to a top defense analyst recently appointed to review Defense Department policy.

In a Foreign Affairs journal piece published this month, titled "The Pentagon's Wasting Assets," Andrew Krepinevich argues that the Pentagon needs to better prepare for this new world order by rethinking U.S. global advantages largely taken for granted since the end of the Cold War.

"Wasting assets" is a defense term for when traditional ways of projecting power become obsolete.

Krepinevich was recently appointed to Defense Secretary Robert Gates' Defense Policy Board, a panel tasked with reviewing Pentagon strategy. The group of Pentagon outsiders serves as an independent advisory panel for Defense Department leadership.

"His credentials as a defense analyst and innovative military thinker are widely recognized, including by Secretary Gates," Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

Krepinevich also wrote "7 Deadly Scenarios," a book published this year looking at security nightmares like the political

implosion of Pakistan or a worldwide cyberattack, and whether the U.S. government is ready. Morrell said Gates asked Krepinevich to join the policy board after reading the book.

The U.S. has enjoyed an "overwhelming advantage" in technology and resources in recent decades that made it easy to project power worldwide, according to Krepinevich. "U.S. grand strategy assumes that such advantages will continue indefinitely," he wrote. "In fact, they are already starting to disappear."

Krepinevich is president of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, an independent think tank that promotes new thinking on defense planning and investment strategies, and also served as a consultant to numerous defense secretaries.

In the Foreign Affairs article, he points to the massive 2002 Millennium Challenge war game to showcase how powerless the U.S. military could be against enemies it does not foresee.

In that war game, U.S. forces engaged "an 'unnamed Persian Gulf military' meant to be a stand-in for Iran," Krepinevich writes. "The 'Iranian' forces ... successfully countered the U.S. forces at every turn," he writes. "The U.S. fleet that steamed into the Persian Gulf found itself subjected to a surprise attack by swarms of Iranian suicide vessels and anti-ship cruise missiles. Well over half the U.S. ships were sunk or put out of action."

Eventually a "do-over" was ordered, and the game "proceeded to a much more agreeable conclusion," Krepinevich wrote. Krepinevich argues that "nonstate" groups also pose a greater threat than once thought.

"There are already guided mortars evidently widely available in the international arms market," he said.



AP

**Palestinian gunmen of Ansar Allah, Arabic for "Partisans of God," stand alert as they prepare to deploy in the refugee camp of Ein el-Hilweh in the southern city of Sidon, Lebanon, in June 2007. A top defense analyst says militant groups' access to sophisticated weapons and technology means the Pentagon must reassess its long-term strategy to deal with global realities.**

Pacific air bases on Okinawa and Guam will become increasingly vulnerable to Chinese ballistic missiles, he said, and the Chinese will likely increase their precision capabilities in the future.

U.S. dominance of information technol-

ogy also will be challenged in coming years: China has already demonstrated the ability to shoot down some satellites and could one day threaten the Global Positioning System, according to Krepinevich.

"I don't think the Chinese would set out to go to war," he said. "I do think by their actions they are setting out to at least bring about a change to the power balance in that part of the world."

While he doesn't agree with every detail of Krepinevich's report, Michael O'Hanlon, a national security analyst at the Brookings Institution, said in an e-mail that a "richer and fuller" debate needs to be had about "the growing vulnerability of things we've assumed to be invulnerable for decades."

"I'm not as pessimistic as Andy and don't agree with him on every suggestion, but he is right to push the issue and raise the warning flags," O'Hanlon wrote.

Others disagreed with Krepinevich's assertions.

John Pike, who heads Globalsecurity.org, a defense information clearinghouse, called the article "a real knee-slapper."

Krepinevich's article contains too many vagaries and doesn't take into account the true level of the U.S. military's technological advantages in the world, Pike said.

Krepinevich proposes a variety of solutions to this strategic fork in the road, including emphasis on certain emerging technologies, dropping overpriced weapons systems and continuing to field and train indigenous forces in war zones, among other prescriptions.

"A decline in the U.S. military's ability to influence events abroad may be inevitable," Krepinevich writes. "However, it should not be the result of indifference or lack of attention."

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# Army dentist tangled in red tape over resignation

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Army Capt. Tina Mahuika finds herself in a rat's nest of red tape.

Depending on which Army explanation you consider, the dentist with the 464th Medical Company in Landstuhl, Germany, can't get out of the Army because her unit is stop-lossed or because she took a \$12,000 bonus to stay in the Army. Or both.

A 2007 request to leave the Army went nowhere. Mahuika's second resignation request was denied, even though she has the support of several high-ranking officers. A third request is pending.

The captain's plight shows the pitfalls of stop loss, an unpopular practice that allows the Defense Department to keep service members beyond their separation date so they can deploy with their units to Iraq, Afghanistan or elsewhere.

As of May 31, there were 11,003 soldiers on stop loss, according to the latest Army figures.

Theoretically, Mahuika should have been able to resign in July 2008, but she was stop-lossed in January 2008 because her unit was deploying to Iraq in May 2008.

She's been trying to straighten out this mess ever since.

Because she wasn't going to be able to leave the Army when she wanted, Mahuika decided to accept a \$12,000 bonus to remain with the service for another year.

In a June 18 e-mail, the captain was told she's not technically stop-lossed beyond Sunday, which is the one-year date of when she accepted the bonus money. However, an e-mail only a week later from the Europe Regional Medical Command states Mahuika is stop-lossed until late September.

Mahuika describes the process as a "total nightmare" that has caused her to become disenchanted with the military.

"I have just got to get away," she said. "It's crazy. I can't believe so many people are allowed to be in positions where, quite honestly, they're not competent."

However, there now appears to be hints of hope: Her third resignation request is being processed, according to the Army's Human Resources Command,

and a Congressional inquiry was initiated last week over the matter, Mahuika said.

The Army's Human Resources Command has final say in the matter.

Europe Regional Medical Command, the top Army medical command in Europe, forwarded Mahuika's latest resignation request to the Human Resources Command "with command emphasis" in late June, said Steve Davis, an ERMHC spokesman. "Command emphasis" means that ERMHC is requesting the matter be resolved as quickly as possible, Davis said.

Lt. Col. Richard McNorton, a Human Resources Command spokesman, said he did not know how long it would be before a decision is made.

Just getting to this point has been an ordeal for Mahuika.

While a dental student in 2002, Mahuika signed a contract for the Army to cover her three years of dental school bills in exchange for three years of service. Graduating dental school in 2005, Mahuika could get out of the Army in July 2008.

She drafted her first resignation in August 2007, requesting that she be discharged in July 2008. But that resignation request was lost, Mahuika said.

In December 2007, Mahuika was informed she would be stop-lossed for a 15-month deployment to Iraq set to begin in May 2008, she said.

In January 2008, she asked to be removed from stop-loss status, in part, because as a single parent she had few resources for the long-term care of her then-8-year-old son, according to Army documents. Her company commander, Lt. Col. Mark Gleisner, denied the request, according to an Army document dated Jan. 24, 2008.

Mahuika and the rest of the 464th Medical Company then deployed to Iraq in May 2008. But the captain was allowed to return to Germany in November because of a family issue involving a child custody matter with her ex-husband.

The following month, she submitted a second resignation request, looking to get out of the Army in April 2009. She offered to pay back a portion of her bonus money if she could leave early.

Her company, battalion and brigade commanders supported Mahuika's request.

"[Mahuika] is completely willing to pay back the monetary difference to release her from the contract," reads a Feb. 10, 2009,

e-mail from Gleisner to Human Resources Command. "Additionally, the Landstuhl clinic where she works is overstaffed."

"It is in the best interest of the Soldier and the U.S. Army to release her from Active Duty without further delay."

But that request was denied by Human Resources Command on March 31 for two reasons: one, she needed to fulfill her contract obligating her to serve through mid-July; and two, her unit was stop-lossed.

In the written denial, Human Resources Command told Mahuika she could resubmit her resignation request making her separation date July 12 provided she was taken off stop-loss status and her date of return from overseas matched her separation date.

She immediately revised the request.

All she can do now is wait. "I have a million papers talking about my stop loss, and it's actually slowed down the process of me trying to resign because people get confused with what I'm asking," Mahuika said.

"It's not a cookie-cutter case. It all just makes you want to scream."

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Mahuika



# A thorn in the Taliban's side

## Spera: 'In the shooting part of the war'

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A dot in a border valley surrounded by peaks and two Afghan observation posts, Spera is a single point of U.S. military presence in the heart of Taliban terrain. Here, a dozen U.S. soldiers live in a tiny, rugged compound with 20 to 30 Afghan soldiers, with the primary mission of maintaining and defending their little thorn in the Taliban's side.

It's a full-time, multipronged mission to not only disrupt Taliban border crossings, but also to engage the villages and show them there is an alternative to the Taliban, while all the time training Afghan security forces to one day do all this on their own.

"You are sitting between two primary Taliban routes," said Rickard, 37, of the Joint Headquarters of the California National Guard, who is completing his nine-month deployment with the Embedded Training Teams. "Two of the main Taliban routes into the whole theater are to the north and south of us. That's why they want to get rid of us. They will try to overrun us. We are a big fat finger in the dam, just clogging their [infiltration] routes."

In this part of the counterinsurgency war, soldiers draw and fight the enemy face-to-face.

"You are in the shooting part of the war right now," Rickard told a new team of soldiers arriving at the outpost. "It'll come in a flash."

When there is no fighting, the compound is as peaceful as a hunting lodge, a remote mountain hideout draped in sandbags, barbed wire and camouflage netting. Then, suddenly, all hell can break loose.

"Your hard-core soldiers all love Spera COP," said Lt. Col. Pete Molin, who, until last week, was training team commander at Camp Clark, which oversees Spera. "You've got to be level-headed and strong-willed to operate successfully on the edge of the universe."

The new team arrived at Spera on June 24. A young infantry company from Georgia's 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, 48th Brigade Combat Team, thrust into training a fledgling Afghan army in unfamiliar enemy terrain. They are mostly privates and specialists, the Pentagon's newest take on the mentoring teams, which until now were composed of more senior soldiers and officers.

For veteran fighters Rickard and Maj. Nicholas Fleischmann, 44, from Fresno, Calif., this was a critical handoff. Both have rotated in and out of Spera since November.

Fleischmann, a father of nine, including five adopted siblings, oversaw maintenance of the outpost and led outreach efforts to surrounding villages.

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PHOTOS BY DIANNA CAHN/Stars and Stripes

**Above:** U.S. forces look out over the village of Tanqueray in western Pakistan from TRP Red, a peak adjacent to their small guard post. U.S. forces believe the village is home to a key Taliban commander who launches frequent attacks against the combat outpost. The outpost is an obstacle to Taliban border crossing routes and the site of frequent battles. **Below:** Sgt. Nicholas Nigro, 25, of the Georgia National Guard's 48th BCT, 1-121, surveys the view during a steep climb on June 26.

## 'We know we're in the right place because the enemy attacks us'

**ON THE AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN BORDER** — It started with mortars aimed at the outpost.

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Rickard and two other U.S. soldiers were out on patrol with 10 Afghan National Army soldiers, visiting villages south of Spera Combat Outpost, when they heard the explosion.

The ANA guards up at border observation post — Spera's only front line of defense — sent six guys along the ridge on a mountain called TRP Red to see if they could determine where the sound was firing from.

That's when the radio alarm calls came over.

"They realized there were 100 Taliban fighters pushing up the ridge," Rickard said. "The ANA were asking permission to retreat. They were afraid of being overrun."

At this little combat outpost on the border with Pakistan, March 8 was another rough day in an escalating war. The Taliban came up in droves, and a handful of U.S. and Afghan forces simply did what they were there for: defend their outpost against a bitter enemy who wants them gone.

Spera sits at the crux of two key insurgent routes between Pakistan and Afghanistan, blocking their free flow of men and arms. To the Taliban, Spera's presence alone is a provocation.

"We know we are in the right place because the enemy attacks us," said Rickard, of the California National Guard Joint Headquarters. "The fact that we are continually attacked means we are a thorn in their side and we are right where we need to be."

Rickard heard the ANA's panicked call. The patrol diverted east and began a fierce climb straight up the mountain. It was a race to the top, the Taliban on one side, being held off by six ANA on the ridge, and Rickard's patrol pushing up the other.



Back at Spera, mortars were landing. Maj. Nicholas Fleischmann, of Fresno, Calif., monitored the battle as American and ANA soldiers assumed battle stations. They fired onto the backside of the mountain and Fleischmann called for air support. He sent out a second patrol of reinforcements.

Taking heavy fire, the Taliban mortars ceased and Rickard's group made the ridge.

"It took a good 45 minutes of straight climbing," Rickard said. "I linked up with the head guy on Red. The six guys were doing an outstanding job of holding the Taliban back."

Moments later, the jets arrived. They dropped to tree level and fired their afterburners, sending the enemy to the ground as Rickard plugged his guys into the ANA troops across the ridge line.

For the next hour, Rickard radioed coordinates to the jet bombers. It was a bitter fight. The Taliban were well-organized and determined, and the stakes were high.

"If they could get onto Red, they are already higher than OP East (the observation post). And if they push [the ANA] off of

East, then they are shooting right down on the [combat outpost]."

The enemy lobbed close to 50 mortar rounds into Spera, 13 striking the outpost, Fleischmann said. One ANA soldier was wounded. Troops on Spera fired as many as 100 rounds from their Mark 19 mortar launcher, he said.

Rickard counted 10 Taliban fighters killed. Forces monitoring the Taliban's radio communications heard them shouting that their commander was among the dead, he said. Another 10 were missing and 24 wounded, Rickard said.

As the battle wound down, the insurgents retreated into Pakistan. Rickard and his men watched them withdraw into the homes that sit at the foot of Red, just across the border.

The Americans say they regularly watch the flow of men with weapons in and out of those homes, supporting the belief that the buildings belong to a Taliban commander named Aleesh.

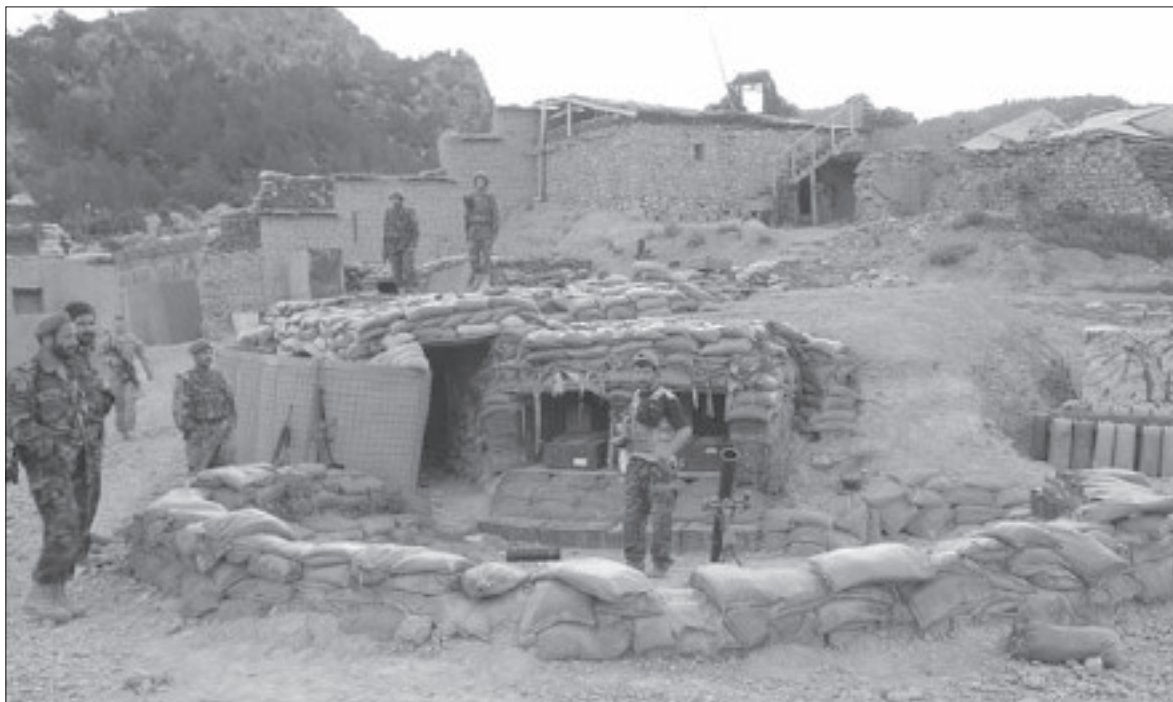
On this day, they saw the Taliban pull the wounded right into those homes. "But there were kids playing in the wadi (riverbed) system down there," Rickard said.

It was a classic success of the insurgency. On the battlefield, American and Afghan forces were victorious. But in the U.S. counterinsurgency mission, to win support of the people for the government and its military, the Taliban had their say. Rickard's patrol was diverted from outreach to battle. And when the enemy retreated, they fell back in behind the civilians. So the Americans let them go.

"It would have been nice to get the 10-12 bad guys [going] in the house plus those already there," Rickard said. "But not at the expense of even one child."

— Dianna Cahn





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Top left: Afghan National Army soldiers share Spera Combat Outpost with a dozen U.S. soldiers from the Georgia National Guard's 48th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment. Top right: Sgt. 1st Class Chad Rickard surveys the view from Observation Post East. Bottom left: U.S. and Afghan soldiers climb a steep mountain slope. Bottom right: Sgt. Louis Bravo, left, Cpl. Joshua Cavalier, center, and 1st Lt. Joel Moore, who is the senior officer, spend some quiet time at Spera Combat Outpost.

## Spera: U.S., Afghan troops work to 'keep the sword sharpened'

### SPERA, FROM PAGE 4

Rickard supervised the Afghan National Army and Spera's defense. His men fought in more than 30 firefights at Spera and killed upward of 75 Taliban.

Their replacements arrived in late June, rifles in one hand, cameras in the other. Some had deployments in Iraq behind them, though many, including their 23-year-old 1st Lt. Joel Moore, of Nashville, Tenn., were new to combat.

It would be nice if Rickard and Fleischmann could guide them through their first firefight, Moore said. But he wasn't too concerned.

"They'd be shooting at us, but they have AKs (assault rifles) and rockets," he said. "We have Mark 19s (grenade launchers), artillery, .50-cals (machine guns) and planes that drop bombs. I feel pretty safe in here."

Their ANA company arrived in Spera at the same time, also new and inexperienced. The Afghan troops took to the steep terrain easily, romping in the bathing stream and roaming the mountains — sometimes in flip-flops — to chase monkeys. The crack of gunfire from hunters became so frequent as to dull the senses to

possible dangers.

At night, the Americans had to be vigilant in making sure ANA guards didn't leave their posts or fall asleep. Still, white lights glowed almost nightly from the ANA commander's quarters on the north end of the tiny compound, visible on the dark hills for miles around.

But with the Pakistani military on the offensive to capture regional Taliban commander Baitullah Mehsud, the insurgents apparently had their hands full across the border and the valley was quiet.

Moore worried the ANA would grow complacent. Rickard eyed the Americans with similar concern.

"You can relax and enjoy it, but in a moment it'll come on you quick," he warned them.

"This place is 95 percent boredom and peaceful relaxation and 5 percent sheer excitement and terror," he said later. "I think that's the juggling act both for us and the ANA. You have to keep the sword sharpened so when the attack does come, you are ready."

The soldiers got to know their new surroundings, living in a stone compound layered with dirt and soot. Showers are

scarce, with water dragged up from a well in the valley. Urination tubes run through the sand and rock-buffered walls to the mountain slope below. Electricity is delivered by a generator that needs regular refueling; human waste is burned daily.

They pushed out on patrols: up to the east, where Afghan guards eye their Pakistani counterparts warily across the border; to the west, past the spot where two ANA soldiers were killed recently in an ambush. They went north to Sra Khanda, the only village friendly to the Americans; and south, to where other villagers, presumably fearful of Taliban reprisals, said they didn't want a new mosque or school and preferred to remain independent.

They tested the guns, checked the land mines that rim the compound and took inventory of their ammunition. Inevitably, the jobs of men grew tiresome and the soldiers reverted to the games of boys. They lined their computers up in the tactical operations center and watched movies or played computer games.

"I am afraid you guys are getting lulled into a sense of security," Rickard lamented to Sgt. Nicholas Nigro, 25, originally of Woodstock, Ga., a few days later. "It comes in fast and vicious and violent. In the [op-

erations center] today, one guy is buried in a movie, the other in a video game. They wouldn't have a single clue what's going on in the valley. That's the problem I have with the new ETT structure. Too much immaturity."

One day, Nigro led a small patrol to a mountainside cluster of buildings dubbed Taliban Hotel. Months ago, Rickard and crew found caches of food and weapons inside. Now it needs periodic sweeps.

Nigro, a veteran of roadside bombs in Iraq where he was in a route-clearance unit, grasped the challenges at hand. He saw the importance of a strong rapport with the ANA and the lack of strong focus on all sides. Still, he and the others were confident that soon enough they'd settle into a rhythm and their ANA counterparts would follow suit.

"It's one of those infantry missions you hoped you'd get," Nigro said. "I'd rather be doing this than dealing with [roadside bombs]. I'd take my chances with someone trying to shoot me and I see them first, rather than a piece of wire sticking out and someone's hand on the kill switch. You don't stand a chance like that."

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## Bombings: Violence claims lives of Afghan civilians, Taliban

### BOMBINGS, FROM PAGE 1

In other violence around the country, international troops and Afghan police killed 12 Taliban insurgents in a gunbattle in southern Afghanistan, police said Sunday.

The joint force attacked a compound north of the capital of Uruzgan province where the militants were hiding Saturday evening, sparking the fighting, police spokesman Mohammad Musa said. He said no Afghan police or international troops were killed.

In eastern Kunar province, meanwhile, one civilian was

killed and five wounded when shelling from a gunbattle between insurgents and Afghan and international forces hit a house.

Provincial Police Chief Gen. Abdul Jalal Jalal said everyone in the house initially survived Saturday's blast, but one man died from his injuries after being rushed to a hospital. Jalal said it was unclear which side fired the shots that hit the house.

Also Saturday, at least six police officers were killed by roadside bombs — two in southern Helmand province and at least four south of Kabul in Logar province, officials said.

## Car bomb explodes outside Iraqi church, kills 4

BAGHDAD — A car bomb exploded near a church as worshippers left Sunday Mass, killing at least four civilians and injuring 18 in one of several attacks on Iraq's beleaguered Christian minority.

Three Christians and one Muslim died in the bombing at around 7 p.m. near a church on Palestine Street in eastern Baghdad, said a police officer who was at the scene. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

An official at al-Kindi hospital confirmed the death toll and said at least 18 people were injured.

From The Associated press

# Obama says British help vital in Afghan war effort

By GREGORY KATZ  
The Associated Press

LONDON — President Barack Obama waded into Britain's debate over the war in Afghanistan, calling Britain's contribution critically important in the struggle to prevent terrorists from establishing a stronghold in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In an interview with Sky News broadcast Sunday, Obama acknowledged the rising death toll — Britain has now lost more troops in Afghanistan than it did in Iraq — but said the mission is vital to U.S. and European security.

"My heart goes out to the families of those British soldiers," he said. "Great Britain has played an extraordinary role in this coalition, understanding that we cannot allow either Afghanistan or Pakistan to be a safe haven for al-Qaida, those who with im-



Obama

punity blow up train stations in London or buildings in New York."

Obama, interviewed in Ghana on Saturday, spoke as British leaders

coped with new questions about the war in light of the loss of eight soldiers within a 24-hour period that ended Friday. Those deaths pushed Britain's overall toll in Afghanistan to 184.

Some former officers say British forces lack the proper equipment to prevail in Helmand province, where they have been engaged in fierce fighting with Taliban forces.

Obama said the emphasis

may shift from military to diplomatic and reconstruction efforts after national elections in Afghanistan.

Afghans will choose a president and provincial councils in August.

"We've got to get through elections," Obama said. "The most important thing we can do is to combine our military efforts with effective diplomacy and development, so that Afghans feel a greater stake and have a greater capacity to secure their country."

He said the postelection period may see a focus on creating an Afghan army and an Afghan police force.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown also backed the war effort despite the high cost, telling a senior parliamentary committee Saturday that military commanders in Afghanistan believe they are meeting their objectives.

# U.S. base construction in Afghanistan nears completion

By DREW BROWN  
Stars and Stripes

TARIN KOWT, Afghanistan — The first wave of construction at more than a half-dozen bases across southern Afghanistan designed to accommodate the Obama administration's buildup of U.S. forces in the region will be finished by the end of July, according to senior U.S. officers involved in the effort.

More than 2,700 civilian contractors and 2,100 Army, Navy and Air Force engineers have been working to either expand existing bases or build new ones from scratch at eight locations in Farah, Helmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces, they said.

Work at the eight camps is in various stages of completion, with some locations further along than others. More than 10,000 Marines have already deployed to one of the new bases — Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province — where they kicked off a major offensive July 2 against Taliban insurgents in the heart of Afghanistan's largest opium-producing region.

Planning for the \$500 million construction blitz across the parched deserts of southern Afghanistan began last fall, with construction starting earlier this year, said Army Col. Randy LeCompte, assistant deputy director of logistical civil augmentation program in southern Afghanistan, and Navy Capt. Jeff Borowy, who commands all military engineers in the region.

Troops began moving to the bases in May; bases that are still in the initial phases of construction will be ready to receive forces by the end of July, they said.

The Marine offensive is the first major test for the Obama



DREW BROWN/Stars and Stripes

Trucks are grouped outside the wire July 7 at Forward Operating Base Wolverine, a new U.S. and NATO base under construction in Zabul province, southern Afghanistan.

administration's new strategy for Afghanistan. The goal of the new approach is to clear rural areas of the Taliban and other militants, hold the line against further incursions and allow the Afghan government to establish a lasting presence where insurgents have previously held sway.

A second major test will come next month as Afghan voters head to the polls in the country's second presidential election since U.S.-led forces ousted the Taliban regime in 2001.

President Barack Obama ordered 21,000 additional troops to Afghanistan earlier this year, most of which are being posted

to the south. Most of those troops have already arrived. But two brigades, or about 7,000 troops, have yet to deploy fully.

The 5th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, from Fort Lewis, Wash., is currently flowing into Kandahar Airfield, the main NATO airbase in southern Afghanistan, but has yet to push out to several bases in eastern Kandahar and Zabul provinces that are currently being expanded.

About 3,500 paratroops from the 4th Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, are supposed to deploy in the coming weeks and take over the training of Afghan police forces in southern and western

Afghanistan.

LeCompte and Borowy spoke to Stripes earlier this week during a helicopter tour of several of the new camps in Uruzgan and Zabul provinces. They described a laborious process involving weeks of grading sites, creating earthen security perimeters, building airfields and refueling points, followed by the construction of various structures — plywood buildings, mini trailers for troop housing, mess halls, showers and latrines — just to get ready for "initial occupancy." Wells have to be dug to ensure reliable supplies of water. Further refinements such as gyms, recreation centers and gravel roads will come much

later.

"Everything you see here has been either trucked in or flown in," said Col. Paul Bricker, commander of the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, whose soldiers and helicopters have been flying around the clock in support of the buildup.

The scale of the undertaking is massive. Military engineers have put up more than 522,000 feet of protective berms alone, and have laid another 1.4 million feet of special mats that are used to create a sturdy base for airfield construction, Borowy said.

"We could run a berm from Washington, D.C., to Richmond, Va.," he said. Engineers have also put down enough of the airfield matting to cover an area two football fields wide, stretching from the steps of the U.S. Capitol building to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Borowy added.

At Tarin Kowt, in Uruzgan province, about 280 soldiers from the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade's 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion have been working since early June to get their helicopters flying and to finish up their new camp, which sits next to an existing Dutch base and a small special operations compound.

The soldiers have been running 24-hour air operations since mid-June, but are still working to get their camp ready so an additional 100 soldiers can move into place.

"We took everybody from their primary [military occupational specialty], and they became construction workers," Command Sgt. Maj. Wayne Fausz said. "Right now, we're running 24-hour ops, but we're still limited on manpower."

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## IN THE WORLD

# 5 detained officials back in Iran

By NASSER KARIMI  
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*The Associated Press*

TEHRAN, Iran — Five Iranian officials held in Iraq for more than two years by U.S. forces returned home Sunday after the U.S. released them under pressure from the Iraqi government.

American officials said a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement required the release, but said they fear the Iranians — held on suspicion of aiding Shiite militants — still pose a threat.

The five men were handed over to Iraqi officials Thursday and on Sunday flew to Tehran, where they were met at the airport by a cheering crowd of onlookers who carried the men on their shoulders and put garlands of flowers around their necks.



Iranian diplomats return home after spending more than two years under U.S. detention. Crowds at the airport hailed the officials' return by crowning them with flower garlands and cheering.

JAVAD MOGHIMI, FARS NEWS AGENCY/AP

Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki in a news conference with the men welcomed them back and praised what he described as their courageous resistance while being held in Iraq by U.S. forces.

The Iranians were detained in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil in January 2007. At the time U.S. authorities said the men included the operations chief and other members of Iran's elite Quds Force, which is accused of arming and training Iraqi militants.

Iran denied the claim, and has described the men as diplomats who were kidnapped by U.S. forces.

Mottaki accused President Barack Obama of continuing the bullying practices of his predecessor.

"Iran preserves its right for legal action against the bullying act of the Bush adminis-

tration in detaining Iranian diplomats, which was unfortunately continued in the new administration," Mottaki was quoted as saying.

The release of the five has been portrayed in Iran as a victory for the Islamic Republic as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad comes under domestic and international criticism after the disputed June presidential election.

The opposition claims the election, in which Ahmadinejad was declared the overwhelming winner, was fraudulent and has staged protest rallies calling for Ahmadinejad's ouster.

Iran and the U.S. have no diplomatic relations since 1979 when militant students stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took Americans there hostage for 444 days.

However, Tehran and Washington held three rounds of ambassador-level talks on security in Iraq in 2007.

## Taylor set to begin war crimes defense

*The Associated Press*

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — For a year, prosecution witnesses accused former Liberian President Charles Taylor of atrocities ranging from cannibalism to commanding Sierra Leone rebels who hacked off villagers' limbs, and of selling weapons and ammunition in exchange for so-called blood diamonds.

Now Taylor is giving his version of events at his trial.

"His case is that he was not involved," Taylor's British lawyer Courtenay Griffiths told The Associated Press. "That he was a peacemaker, not a warmonger."

Griffiths will deliver his opening statement Monday and the former president will take the stand Tuesday on 11 charges including murder, torture, rape, sexual slavery and spreading terror.

Taylor, the first African head of state to be tried by an international court, has pleaded not guilty.

He was forced into exile after being indicted in 2003 and was finally arrested in Nigeria three years later. He was sent for trial in The Hague in June 2006.

Witnesses testified about radio exchanges between Taylor and the rebels, arms smuggled from Liberia to Sierra Leone and diamonds back.



Chinese pay their respects to relatives killed during the July 5 Han-Uighur riots.

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## Tally of injured in Chinese riots grows

*The Associated Press*

URUMQI, China — China on Sunday raised the injured toll from ethnic clashes a week ago to 1,680.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the number of people wounded during the ethnic violence that broke out July 5 in the regional capital of Urumqi has increased by nearly 600, according to Xinjiang Governor Nur Bekri during a televised speech. He said that more than 900 of the injured remained hospitalized, and 74 "are on the verge of death."

The protest last Sunday by minority Uighurs escalated into deadly attacks on members of the Han Chinese majority and sparked revenge attacks in the days following. Chinese officials have yet to make public further details about the riots.

## IP addresses might not lead to hackers

By KWANG-TAE KIM  
*The Associated Press*

SEOUL — South Korean police are analyzing a sample of the tens of thousands of infected computers used to crash Web sites in South Korea and the U.S., but conceded Sunday they might not lead to the culprit.

South Korean intelligence officials suspect arch rival North Korea was involved. South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers last week that a North Korean military research institute had been ordered to destroy the South's communications networks, local media reported.

In a statement late Saturday, the National Intelligence Service said it has "various evidence" of North Korean involvement.

An Chan-soo, a senior police officer investigating the cyberattacks, said Sunday that investigators had obtained 27 computers infected with malicious computer code, known as malware, in an attempt to trace the "contamination paths" of the programs that launched the attacks on tens of thousands of computers.

An said South Korea also is seeking to obtain hard disks and information on six foreign servers that update malware programs.

The Korea Communications Commission said it has identified and blocked five Internet Protocol addresses in five countries used to distribute computer viruses that caused the wave of Web site outages which began in the U.S. on July 4.

They were in Austria, Georgia, Germany, South Korea and the U.S., a commission official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media on the record.

The identity of the IP addresses themselves, however, provides little in the way of clarity. It is likely the hackers used the addresses to disguise themselves — for instance, by accessing the computers from a remote location. IP addresses can also be faked or masked, hiding their true location.

The assaults appear to be on the wane. No new similar cyberattacks have been reported in South Korea since Friday evening, the commission said.

But the addresses were probably used to disguise the hackers and might not lead back to them.

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# Security guard with U.S. mining company shot dead in Indonesia

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH  
The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Gunmen killed a security guard working for U.S. mining conglomerate Freeport on Sunday, then ambushed police responding to the attack blamed on separatist rebels in one of Indonesia's most underdeveloped and remote regions.

The assaults outside the Grasberg mining complex in Papua were in the same area where authorities were investigating the fatal shooting a day earlier of an Australian working for the company, Freeport said in a statement to The Associated Press.

The escalation in violence in the region is an unwelcome development for Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who was re-elected just last week to a second five-year term. It also raised questions about a resurgence of Papua's secessionist movement, which until recently had shown few signs of life.

The security guard, working on a contract for Freeport, was

killed in an ambush by suspected rebels Sunday morning when "shots were fired at two security vehicles," Freeport said in a statement. Five others were injured.

Police units responding to the gunfire were ambushed by suspected rebels near to the scene of the first shooting, said national police spokesman Sulistyio Ishak.

"The attackers opened fire from distant hills, making it difficult for the police to return fire," he said. Two police officers were hospitalized with gunshot wounds, he said. That attack was also blamed on suspected Papuan rebels, but no proof was provided.

The Australian mining expert was shot and killed on Saturday while traveling in a vehicle in the same area. Several other people in the car were unharmed, leading police to conclude the attack may have been the work of a rebel sniper.

The weekend killings come amid an escalation of violence in Papua in recent months that has left several security personnel dead.



MUSTAFA QURAISHI/AP

Workers view the scene where a partially built bridge, part of the city's new metro rail system, collapsed Sunday in New Delhi. According to police, five people died and 16 others were wounded.

## Indian bridge fails, kills 5

BY VIJAY JOSHI AND MUNEEZA NAQVI  
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — One section of a bridge being built for the Indian capital's metro rail system collapsed Sunday, crushing to death five workers and injuring 13 in a major setback to the project that officials hope to complete before the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

New Delhi's landmark metro rail project is already operating three lines and is working around the clock to build several extensions.

The project was particularly notable because it opened on schedule about seven years ago — an almost unheard of feat in India, where corruption-related overruns are common.

E. Sreedharan, the head of the Delhi Metro Rail Corp., has been hailed as a modern-day hero, but on Sunday, he tendered his resignation to take moral

responsibility for the collapse, which is a rare blemish in the largely successful project.

"This is a very, very serious accident," said Sreedharan, an official known for his integrity and dedication. He said he sent his resignation letter to New Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit, who has not yet said whether she will accept it.

The accident occurred on a particularly tricky section, where a 2.5-mile metal cantilever was being raised to attach to a long section of concrete girders, all of which tumbled down in a V-shape pile.

The area — near the tony Greater Kailash neighborhood — was cordoned off and cranes worked to clear the rubble to reopen the road underneath. A high-powered committee was appointed to find the cause of the accident and submit its report with 10 days, Sreedharan said.

He said two workers died at the accident site and three at the hospital.

## Liner's final port might not be Dubai



KAMRAN JEBREILI/AP

A dhow sails on a Dubai creek as it passes the Queen Elizabeth 2 docked in the background at Port Rashid in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Sunday. The ship's cash-strapped owner says it is weighing plans to open the British ocean liner as a floating hotel elsewhere in the Middle East or Africa rather than in the struggling Persian Gulf sheikdom where it has been moored since November.

## Abbas won't negotiate until construction stops

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday invited the Palestinians to sit down immediately to talk peace, but Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas cried off, saying Israel must halt all West Bank settlement construction.

Israel agreed under the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan to freeze all building in the West Bank, territory the Palestinians claim for part of a future state. But it has not honored that 2003 obligation, saying the Palestinians have

not fulfilled their commitment to crack down on militant groups.

Abbas said at a news conference on Sunday that for negotiations on the key issues to resume, there must be "a complete halt to settlement activities."

## Panetta commends anti-terror efforts

MANILA, Philippines — CIA Director Leon Panetta praised Philippine efforts to eradicate terrorists in the country's south where American counterterrorism troops are deployed, a security official said Sunday.

During a 30-minute meeting

in Manila, Panetta and President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo discussed Philippine military offensives that have killed several key Abu Sayyaf commanders and captured their key strongholds, Philippine National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzalez said.

Arroyo also mentioned how her government rejected an Abu Sayyaf demand that Philippine troops pull out from most of southern Jolo Island in exchange for the freedom of three International Committee of the Red Cross aid workers, who were abducted last Jan. 15 and threatened with beheading, Gonzalez said.

## Chinese envoy in South Korea

SEOUL — China's top nuclear envoy has arrived in South Korea as part of diplomatic efforts to revive the stalled talks on ending North Korea's nuclear program.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei arrived in Seoul on Sunday and plans to begin talks with his South Korean counterpart Monday. He also visited Russia, the U.S. and Japan on his trip.

The trip comes as the U.S. is moving to enforce U.N. sanctions against North Korea for its May 25 nuclear test. The North also recently fired seven ballistic mis-

siles in defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

## Bulls gore 5, injure 6 others in Pamplona

PAMPLONA, Spain — Five runners have been gored and six have received other injuries at a packed weekend running of the bulls at the San Fermin festival.

Medical services spokesman Dr. Fernando Boneta said two of the gored are in serious condition. Six had bruises, and all required medical treatment at hospitals.

From The Associated Press

## Tokyo vote shows Aso's party lagging

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's embattled prime minister suffered a fresh blow Sunday as his ruling party was badly beaten by the opposition in a crucial Tokyo vote that is seen as a bellwether for a coming national election.

Prime Minister Tarō Aso's Liberal Democratic Party and its coalition partner, the New Komeito Party, failed to keep a majority in the 127-seat Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly, according to early exit

polls by public broadcaster NHK and the Kyodo News agency.

The Tokyo vote was closely watched as a sign of how Aso's ruling party would fare against the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan in a general election, which must take place by October at the latest.

"Voters are fed up with the Liberal Democratic Party. Its economic and social welfare policies are all deadlocked."

Voters are hoping that the Democratic Party of Japan can bring

change to Japanese politics," said Takayoshi Matsuo, emeritus professor of political science at Kyoto University.

In the run-up to the Tokyo poll, Aso's party has already lost four straight regional elections since April to the opposition party.

The ruling party held 48 seats in the Tokyo assembly before the election, but NHK's exit polls indicated the party only won 38 seats as of late Sunday. The biggest opposition party snatched 54 seats so far, sharply up from 34.



## IN THE STATES



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, left, meets on June 2 with Senate Judiciary Chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., in his office on Capitol Hill in Washington.

# Who is Sonya Sotomayor?

## Nominee has put on best face, now she can face her critics

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For weeks, Sonya Sotomayor has put on her best face, displaying a pleasant disposition that has somewhat fended off critics of her nomination to become the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice.

A federal judge the past 17 years, 11 of them on the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals, Sotomayor escaped the rough South Bronx streets of her childhood cheerfully immersed in Nancy Drew books and Perry Mason episodes.

In the seven weeks since President Barack Obama nominated her, Sotomayor has faced a barrage of questions about her past with no public avenues to respond, aside from carefully scripted White House statements about her rise from the housing project where her Puerto Rican parents relocated after World War II, and comments from friends and colleagues.

Critics of her selection, aware she will likely reinforce the liberal wing of the high court, have put a microscope to her past statements, speeches, rulings and the sometimes brusque questions that she's posed to lawyers over the years in an effort to portray her as an activist ideologue.

The search for who she really is escalates this week when she faces critics and supporters alike in the very public forum of Senate Judiciary Committee hearings.

So far, the nation has seen a friendly Sotomayor, 54, shaking hands with the denizens of Capitol

Hill and smiling through the pain of a broken ankle that occurred as she boarded a flight from New York to Washington to visit senators who will decide her fate.

She credits laughter with easing her childhood in the projects in the late '50s and early '60s, when subsidized housing was less dangerous than decades later but lacked the comforts and quiet of the suburbs. She went to a Catholic high school, Princeton and Yale Law School.

She worked several years as a state prosecutor under Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, a man Sotomayor says "I greatly admire" and someone slated to testify at her hearing. She also worked at a Manhattan law firm before she became a judge in 1992.

By March 1995, she experienced momentary fame, ruling from the bench against baseball owners and salvaging a new season after a devastating strike.

In court, Sotomayor has regularly confronted lawyers, often brisk but not belligerent in her questioning of them after thoroughly researching a case and studying the relevant law and related cases on her own. Unprepared lawyers are no match for her.

Sotomayor has acknowledged that she is "extraordinarily intense," has had to seek out laughs where she could find them in recent weeks.

# Hearings' cast of characters

By LAURIE KELLMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Live from the Capitol, Sonia Sotomayor's confirmation hearings promise high political theater this week, beamed to the world in dramatic, historic, perhaps comedic glory.

When the curtain rises Monday on Sotomayor's nomination to become the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice, a large cast of ambitious players will be ready to explore themes from racial conflict to legal controversy, as well as personal facts and views.

## The key players

**Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.**

Leahy, 69, will be in charge of keeping senators to their allotted 30 minutes for questions, tamping down the inevitable showboating and issuing stern warnings to any protesters who get out of hand.

It's good to be chairman: He can allot himself all the time he wants to rebut points Republicans try to make or to ask clarifying questions of the nominee.

**Ranking Republican Jeff Sessions of Alabama.**

Taking his first turn as the lead Republican at a Supreme Court hearing, the 62-year-old Sessions will sit next to Leahy and, in broad

terms, try to reassure the vanquished GOP base that their interests are being represented in this most visible forum.

## The defenders

**Senate Democrats Dick Durbin of Illinois and Charles Schumer of New York.**

They're Obama's guys, for different reasons.

Durbin, in his third term at 64, is the president's chief ally in the Senate and served with him during Obama's meteoric rise. Schumer, 58, and in his second term, represents Sotomayor's home state, is thus her sponsor.

## The patriarch

**Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.**

Hatch, 75, has been the committee chairman twice and participated in hearings for eight Supreme Court justices.

He has said he's concerned that Sotomayor takes a "somewhat dim view of the Second Amendment" to the Constitution to keep and bear arms.

## The doyenne

**Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.**

In her fourth term, Feinstein, 76, is the most senior woman on

the committee and represents a statewide constituency that is 36 percent Hispanic and half women, according to the Census Bureau.

## The wild card

**Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa.**

"Snarlin' Arlen," 79, enters these hearings more experienced at running them than Leahy, yet without the privileges of the seniority that ordinarily comes with five Senate terms. Democrats stripped him of that when he joined the party this year.

## The skeptic

**Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.**

Like Feinstein, he represents a large state and a constituency that's about one-third Hispanic.

Cornyn has said he has questions about whether Sotomayor will uphold the Constitution's guarantees of equal protection and the right to keep and bear arms.

## The novice

**Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn.**

The former "Saturday Night Live" performer is now 100th out of 100 senators in seniority. His victory after an eight-month recount battle is a trophy Democrats are eager to display. Franken had less than two weeks to prepare.

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Angie Welling, who works for the Utah Department of Corrections, takes dogs Harley, left, and Isis on a walk Friday through Salt Lake City. Welling is able to volunteer at an animal shelter every Friday because state offices close on Fridays.

## 4-day workweek spurs volunteerism in Utah

By BROCK VERGAKIS  
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah, a state that has always been a leader in the percentage of residents who volunteer, appears to have inadvertently found a way to boost volunteerism: a four-day workweek.

Since August, about 17,000 of the state's 24,000 executive branch employees have been working 10-hour days, Monday through Thursday. Closing state offices on Fridays is supposed to cut energy costs and reduce carbon emissions.

The energy savings haven't been what Gov. Jon Huntsman had hoped for, but most state employees have embraced the schedule because of their new three-day weekends.

The extra day off is giving some workers their first opportunity to volunteer while holding a full-time job. Others are dedicating more time to helping others.

"I think everyone knows when you work five days a week you have all your errands to run on the weekend and other commitments during the week. From that standpoint, [volunteering] is almost impossible," said Department of Corrections spokeswoman Angie Welling. She spends every Friday morning volunteering for No Homeless Pets.

Welling said she contacted the animal shelter as soon as she learned the state was switching to the four-day workweek.

"When I called offering my service every Friday they were very excited because weekdays are the hardest to fill," said Welling, who helps clean cages and walk dogs.

Tufts University research shows that about 43 percent of Utah residents older than 25 volunteer, while the national average is 28 percent.

Utah is home to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

which makes up about 60 percent of the population and doesn't pay its church leaders at the local level.

About 63 percent of Utah's volunteerism is religious, according to the Washington-based Corporation for National and Community Service.

Most volunteerism has traditionally taken place on weekends and in the evenings through church service, but the four-day workweek gives church members who are state employees more time to deliver food to the poor,

counsel fellow members or visit the sick.

"It's been a blessing. I think I work harder that day than the others," said Kathryn Draper, an office manager in the Department

of Human Services who leads a local women's service organization for the Mormon church.

There are no state statistics on the number of state employees who volunteer, but the United Way says it noticed its Web traffic increased once the state's workweek changed.

At the Capitol, workers always struggled to find tour guides for their Friday shifts. Now, five of the eight tour guides who work on Fridays are state employees.

"I was absolutely amazed," said Allyson Gamble, director of visitor services at the Capitol.

Shauna Fisher, a Division of Wildlife Resources employee, said she's always wanted to give back to the community, but she could rarely afford to donate money.

The four-day workweek allowed her to help out in other ways. This spring, she organized a dozen co-workers to spend two Fridays building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

"I felt I could do something without going poor doing it," said Fisher, who had never done volunteer work before.

# President returns to U.S.

## Obama: African nations to be regular destinations

By BEN FELLER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama returned to the United States on Sunday after a whirlwind but emotional visit to Ghana that he said was especially meaningful for him because of his African heritage.

Obama and his family arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington early Sunday morning, soon after midnight.

Before departing, Obama addressed residents of Ghana at the airport in the capital of Accra. He congratulated Ghana for its democratic traditions.

The emotional touchstone of his visit was the tour of Cape Coast Castle, the cannon-lined fortress where slaves were kept in squalid dungeons, then shipped in chains to America through a "Door of No Return" that opens to the sea.

Obama absorbed the experience with his wife, Michelle, and their daughters, Sasha and Malia.

"I'll never forget the image of my two young daughters, the descendants of Africans and African-Americans, walking through those doors of no re-

turn but then walking back (through) those doors," he said at the grand airport departure ceremony. "It was a remarkable reminder that, while the future is unknowable, the winds always blow in the direction of human progress."

Ghanaians lined up on the tarmac lingered for a time even after Air Force One disappeared into the nighttime sky.

All together, Obama spent less than 24 hours in Ghana. But they packed in personal moments, in contrast to his summit-heavy travels across Russia and Italy over the last week.

But what the Obama White House did not want on this trip was the Bill Clinton moment. In 1998, on a blisteringly hot day, a crowd at a Clinton rally nearly caused a horrific trample.

That also affected why Obama did not hold an outdoor event of his own.

Obama will be back to Africa. But he suggested that he won't go for the traditional model of devoting a trip to Africa alone, as if it is separated from world affairs. Instead, African nations might be wrapped into his multinational travels more often.

## D.C. marchers protest Iranian election



PHOTOS BY GERALD HERBERT/AP

Mansoureh Mojahedpoor, of Washington, D.C., holds a photo of her son during a demonstration in front of the U.S. Capitol on Saturday. Mojahedpoor says her son, Mojtaba Mojahedpoor, was a Tehran University student killed by the current Iranian regime in 1982.

## Holder might push interrogation probe

By NEDRA PICKLER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Contrary to White House wishes, Attorney General Eric Holder might push forward with a criminal investigation into the Bush administration's harsh interrogation practices used on suspected terrorists.

Holder will make a final decision on whether to appoint a prosecutor within the next few weeks, a Justice Department official told The Associated Press. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on a pending matter.

Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona said he was against opening a criminal investigation into interrogation practices during the Bush administration. The former presidential candidate suggested on NBC television's "Meet the Press" that embarking on a criminal investigation would provide a recruit-

ing tool to terrorists.

McCain echoed Obama's words, saying that it is time to move forward.

Obama has repeatedly expressed reluctance to having a probe into alleged Bush-era abuses and resisted an effort by congressional Democrats to establish a "truth commission," saying the nation should be "looking forward and not backwards."

Justice Department spokesman Matt Miller said Holder planned to "follow the facts and the law."

Newsweek magazine, which first reported the development, said Holder was aware of the political implications but still was troubled by what he learned in reports about the treatment of prisoners at the CIA's "black sites."

"I hope that whatever decision I make would not have a negative impact on the president's agenda," Holder told Newsweek. "But that can't be a part of my decision."



## FACES

# Clooney: I'll film in Italy quake area

**G**eorge Clooney has toured the ruins of Italy's recent earthquake and told the survivors he'll shoot a film in their mountain region.

The actor inspected crumbled buildings during a visit on the sidelines of the G-8 summit in L'Aquila. The April 6 quake left thousands homeless and killed nearly 300 people. Italy is holding the summit there to show solidarity with the victims.

On Thursday, Clooney visited a tent camp for the homeless and kissed four women and shook hands with residents. The actor said he'll shoot part of a film in the area in September, which could help the local economy. The movie will be a thriller about a killer who tries to hide out in an Italian town.

## Arquette to sleep in a NYC box for U.S. hungry

David Arquette is going to sleep in a box in New York City to raise money for the hungry.

The 37-year-old actor is staying in a Plexiglas box above the Madison Square Garden marquee on Tuesday and Wednesday to raise \$250,000 for Feeding America — the nation's largest domestic hunger relief charity.

Donations can come through text messages, on site and a Facebook page set up by Mars Inc., the company that makes Snickers candy bars. A Mars spokesman says Arquette will eat during his two-day stay in the plastic enclosure.

**On the Web:** [www.facebook.com/snickers](http://www.facebook.com/snickers)

## Patricia Arquette dismisses divorce case

Patricia Arquette and Thomas Jane will remain married. Court records show the "Medium" star requested and was granted a dismissal of the couple's

divorce case, which she filed in January.

The one-page dismissal didn't indicate a reason for the 41-year-old actress seeking a dismissal. Records show her request was filed on Tuesday and approved on Thursday.

The couple was married in May 2006 and have a daughter.

## And the name is...

Michael Moore's latest documentary now has a title — and a theme that resonates with recession-weary audiences.

Moore's look at the consequences of big business will be called "Capitalism: A Love Story." The documentary is due in theaters Oct. 2. Overture Films says "Capitalism" examines the disastrous effects of corporate profiteering.

Regarding the "Love Story" mentioned in the title, Moore jokes that he felt it was time to make a "relationship movie." He said it would make a great date flick because it has "lust, passion, romance and 14,000 jobs being eliminated every day."

— The Associated Press



Actors Bill Murray and George Clooney, center, stand among firefighters as they tour earthquake damage on the sidelines of a G-8 summit, in St. Demetrio, near L'Aquila, Italy, on Thursday. Clooney says he'll shoot a movie in the area.



## Cruz bares her soul

Spanish actress Penelope Cruz tells the British magazine *Psychologies* that getting married is for the birds. "I don't know if I believe in marriage," says Cruz. "I believe in family, love and children."

Wedding or not, Cruz says, "I want to have babies one day but not right now." She did not verify rumors she's dating Javier Bardem.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

## WIZARD RED CARPET



From left, actors Michael Gambon, Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and Alan Rickman attend the New York premiere of "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" on Thursday. The movie opens Wednesday in the States and July 24 in some on-base theaters.

## Billy Mays remains a TV pitchman, even in death

**D**eath won't still the voice of Billy Mays or his mighty powers of persuasion.

Viewers will continue to find the boisterous, bearded TV pitchman hawking household products for the indefinite future. And at least one of his commercials is being introduced posthumously.

"Just stretch, wrap and it fuses fast," says Mays, demonstrating a product called Mighty Tape on a kitchen drain pipe in the new commercial. Moments later, he's seen, still wearing his signature sport shirt

and khaki slacks but accessorized with scuba gear, as he repairs a hole in a diver's air hose underwater using Mighty Tape.

The commercial will begin airing July 20. Mays' advertising other products in the Mighty line returned to the air last week. The commercials were pulled after Mays' death June 28 of an apparent heart attack.

"Our feeling is, everyone wants to have Billy

go on," said Bill McAlister, president of Media Enterprises, a sales and marketing company based in Trevose, Pa. "This is what he would have wanted."



Mays

Besides Media Enterprises, the 50-year-old Mays had worked with several other companies as the yell-and-sell spokesman for products with rousing names like OxiClean, Awesome Auger, Wash-Matik and Orange Glo.

It's not yet certain

which among Mays' product pitches will continue to be broadcast, and for how long, said his attorney, Roger Pliakas.

"We're waiting to hear what the companies want to do," said Pliakis, who declined to specify the firms with which Mays was associated when he died. "It's not a legal conversation but an informal conversation" with each company, Pliakas said. "We don't know all the specifics. We're just hoping it's all done in a tasteful manner."

— Frazier Moore/  
The Associated Press



## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS



# Paperless health care

## Hospital navigates the good, bad of change to digital records

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Baby Riley Matthews wheezed noisily on the exam table. “He’s belly-breathing,” the emergency-room doctor said worriedly — Riley’s little abdomen was markedly rising and falling with each breath, a sign of respiratory distress.

In most emergency rooms, the doctor would grill Mom. Has he ever been X-rayed? Do you remember what it showed? But in the new all-digital Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, doctors just clicked on a COW — a “computer on wheels” that rolls to each patient’s side. Up popped every test and X-ray the 6-month-old has ever had.

This is the eerily paperless hospital of the future, what the “electronic medical record” that President Barack Obama insists will transform what health care looks like.

No chart full of doctors’ scribbles hanging on the bed. No hauling around envelopes full of X-rays. No discharge with a prescription slip.

By the best count, only 1.5 percent of the nation’s roughly 6,000 hospitals use a comprehensive electronic record.

Even that statistic belies how hard it will be for health care to jettison its 19th-century filing system by 2014, the federal government’s goal — despite the \$19 billion that the economic stimulus package is providing to help doctors start. It took Children’s seven hard years and more than \$10 million to evolve a system that lets its doctors check on patients with a few mouse clicks from anywhere and use speedily up-to-date records in directing their care.

“Sometimes before I even see the ER patient, the X-ray is in here and finished and read,” said Dr. Jonathan Bickel, the ER attending physician who whipped out his laptop to check on Riley’s overnight stay. Not too long ago, “I had to take

Mom’s word for it.”

An outpatient lung specialist tested Riley for cystic fibrosis just before his mother brought the 6-month-old to the emergency room. The specialist’s detailed exam notes hit the ER computer in hours, not the days it takes to transcribe into a paper chart. Cystic fibrosis didn’t cause his wheezing; quick, test for something else.

Still, Children’s evolution isn’t finished.

### Stepping out of the ’70s

A study in the New England Journal of Medicine this spring named hospitals’ top two reasons for not going digital.

“When you walk into a hospital, you’re like, ‘Whoa, I’m back in the 1970s,’” said lead researcher Dr. Ashish Jha of the Harvard School of Public Health. Younger patients growing up with the speed of e-mail and now Twitter “are shocked.”

It’s not just the equipment’s price tag. Administrators find the cash to buy new MRI machines or build new hospital wings, said Dr. David Blumenthal, the Obama administration’s new health IT director.

Studies show electronic medical records, or EMRs, can greatly improve the quality of patient care and reduce errors. Children’s has seen medication errors drop 45 percent since it started automating in 2002. But hospitals won’t necessarily recoup their investment, because a patient who goes home sooner means lost revenue.

“Our health care system has not valued quality and efficiency,” said Blumenthal.

But since Congress added a stick to the carrot of the stimulus money — saying health providers that aren’t digital enough by 2015 will start losing Medicare dollars — Blumenthal told The Associated Press he’s seeing a sudden surge in interest.

### Sorting out the system

In October 2002, verbal or paper orders for medications, lab tests, X-rays, IVs ended at Children’s Hospital. Medication errors immediately started dropping.

But ICU doctors reported a surprise, a temporary jump in deaths among just those patients transferred in from other hospitals. Those handoffs are a perilous time, and the death rate doubled in the five months after the computer switch. They blamed changes to their well-organized routine: Patients weren’t registered en route, delaying medication orders; clicking through unfamiliar software took longer; wireless computers weren’t always at the bedside.

Changes were made, but Levin said the real lesson was getting doctors to help customize their piece of the EMR upfront. That’s who was tapped when it was time to cut paper charts.

“The way physicians think is different” from off-the-shelf EMR software, said ICU specialist Dr. Shekhar Venkataraman, who found himself a convert to the resulting custom digital dashboard. “It is elegant.”

Children’s aimed for a community approach, with the eRecord available at all 20 University of Pittsburgh-affiliated hospitals.

But just three miles down the road, Dr. Kristin Hannibal illustrates the hitch. She logs in to check on hospitalized patients, but must scan her own patient checkup information into the eRecord. And her practice next year is buying a competing company’s software, one it deemed better suited for outpatient use. The systems don’t read each other.

“We are far better off than we were even five years ago when there was no ... access,” Hannibal said. “It’s just we have another big step to make.”

# TOP 10

conditions your teeth can reveal

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM  
The Washington Post

Your mouth can tell you a lot about your overall health.

Troubled teeth and gums aren’t always just a dental problem. Sometimes they indicate deeper issues, and dentists are increasingly picking up the clues.

“We look around the mouth and we look for color changes. We’re looking for certain smells. Spots around the gums,” said Washington dentist Joseph Kravitz.

Following are some non-oral-health issues and the possible clues Kravitz says dentists may be able to identify:

■ **Heart disease.** Gums that have turned a “bright beefy red” or purple. Kravitz checks his patients’ blood pressure when he notices those symptoms.

■ **Type 2 diabetes.** Gums that bleed at the slightest touch although there is no plaque evident. Kravitz said patients with diabetes also typically have sores elsewhere on their bodies that they may not have connected to the disease.

■ **Kidney disease.** A sweet ammonia smell on a person’s breath, detectable even from behind a dentist’s surgical mask.

■ **Acid reflux.** Teeth that look worn and pitted, as if they’d been “dipped in battery acid.” Only some teeth will be affected, depending on where the acids settle during a person’s typical sleeping position.

■ **Oral cancer.** Gum tissues with white spots that last two weeks or more. (Kravitz said spots that clear up more quickly can indicate many other things, including something as simple as having bitten into too-hot pizza.)

■ **Leukemia.** Fiery-red swollen gums that just won’t heal, distinguishable from diabetes symptoms with a blood test.

■ **Osteoporosis.** Certain black spots on tooth X-rays that indicate air pockets and dead bone.

■ **Sleep apnea.** An enlarged tongue and inflamed gums in the part of the mouth through which air passes.

■ **Pregnancy.** Deeply swollen gums can indicate hormonal changes.

■ **Bulimia.** Upper front teeth that are paper thin, with the enamel almost completely worn away, and teeth that hurt. Distinguishable from acid reflux because different teeth are affected.

Learn from Wednesday’s STARS AND STRIPES.

# Education

Covering the A to Z in education trends, news and analysis each week on Wednesdays. Find out what you don’t think you have time to learn!





# Idaho researchers dig to uncover giant worm

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW, Idaho — The giant Palouse earthworm has taken on mythic qualities in this vast agricultural region that stretches from eastern Washington into the Idaho panhandle — its very name evoking the fictional sandworms from "Dune" or those creatures from the movie "Tremors."

The worm is said to secrete a lily-like smell when handled, spit at predators, and live in burrows 15 feet deep. There have been only a handful of sightings.

But scientists hope to change that this summer with researchers scouring the Palouse region in hopes of finding more of the giant earthworms. Conservationists also want the Obama administration to protect the worm as an endangered species, even though little research has been done on it.

The worm may be elusive, but there's no doubt it exists, said Jodi Johnson-Maynard, a University of Idaho professor who is leading the search for the worm. To prove it, she pulled out a glass tube containing the preserved remains of a fat, milky-white worm. One of Johnson-Maynard's graduate students found this specimen in 2005, and it is the only confirmed example of the species.

The worm in the tube is about 6 inches long, well short of the 3 feet that early observers of the worms in the late 1890s described. Documented collections of the species, known locally as GPE, have occurred only in 1978, 1988, 1990 and 2005.

Farmers who work the soil of the Palouse — 2 million acres of fields near the Idaho-Washington border — also have had little experience with the worm.

Gary Budd, who manages a grain elevator in Uniontown, said

no farmer he knows has talked about seeing the worm. He compared the creature to Elvis.

"He gets spotted once in a while too," Budd joked.

Johnson-Maynard and her team of worm hunters are working this summer at a university research farm and using three different methods to try and find a living worm.

One involves just digging a hole and sifting the soil through a strainer.

The second involves old-fashioned chemical warfare, pouring a solution of vinegar and mustard onto the ground, irritating worms until they come to the surface.

The third method is new to this search, using electricity to shock worms to the surface.

"The electro shocker is pretty cool," said Joanna Blaszcak, a student at Cornell who is spending her summer hunting the worm.



DEAN HARE/AP

Joanna Blaszcak, left, a student at Cornell University, and Shan Xu, a student from Chengdu, China, check the depth of a hole as they work on finding worm species at a University of Idaho research farm in Moscow, Idaho.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### Sunday's U.S. temperatures

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**National temperature extremes**  
High: Sat. 120, Death Valley, Calif.  
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The Associated Press does not produce a U.S. weather map for this edition. We regret the inconvenience and are working with them to resolve this issue.

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Barbados 86 79 pc  
Barcelona 77 68 rn  
Beijing 89 68 rn  
Beirut 90 75 pc  
Belgrade 72 58 rn  
Berlin 66 51 rn

Bermuda 84 75 rn  
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Bucharest 81 58 rn  
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Kiev 82 61 pc  
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Montreal 76 63 rn  
Moscow 77 53 pc  
Nairobi 74 49 pc  
Nassau 91 80 clr  
New Delhi 98 84 pc  
Nice 78 66 pc  
Osaka 86 75 pc  
Oslo 60 52 rn  
Panama 87 76 rn  
Paris 71 59 rn

Perth 63 42 pc  
Prague 64 52 rn  
Rio de Janeiro 86 66 rn  
Rome 84 62 clr  
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## Make sex a UCMJ infraction

So when is the Army planning to add sexual intercourse to the list of things punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice while in a deployed environment?

I know I can't be the only one who is tired of seeing women get pregnant while deployed and then sent home, only to force other people to pick up their slack when they leave. And most of the time they don't even feel bad about it!

Are people that selfish that they can't refrain from sex for a year? I know people will say they are on birth control and accidents will happen, but they should be focused on their jobs; getting pregnant should be the last thing on their list of concerns. But as it stands now, there are no deterrents or consequences to curb this behavior. I bet if people started getting field-grade Article 15s when they get pregnant or are caught sleeping around (this applies to both genders), this type of behavior would at least slow down. We all know it won't stop everyone, especially those who want to get out of the Army anyway.

Perhaps if "big Army" won't institute this policy, unit commanders can — because it hurts unit operational strength, readiness and even morale for those left behind. And it should apply to single soldiers and married ones alike. Some will say this wouldn't be fair, but I have yet to see the part of any unit's mission statement where expanding one's family is mentioned.

People should be able to control themselves for the length of their combat tour and stop leaving their battle buddies out to dry.

Staff Sgt. James Cresegiona  
Camp Speicher, Iraq

## Apology for inaccurate quotes

Regarding Sheila L. Casey's July 13 letter "Partial quotes distort facts": I apologize to Ms. Casey for some clumsy summarizing (in my July 4 Military Update column) of her points made in her testimony to the Senate subcommittee on military personnel regarding military health care. Just as she points out, she did indeed refer to problems with "access" to quality health care, not with the quality of the care itself.

When space doesn't allow full quotes in my 900-word column, I try to paraphrase as accurately as possible. This time I missed the mark while trying to wrap up some of the major points Ms. Casey made to senators.

Clearly what I found to be far more newsworthy that day, and what I believed surprised senators and others in attendance, was Ms. Casey's very frank and alarming assessment, as the wife of the Army chief of staff, of what the pace of wartime operations has done, and is doing, to Army families. I wanted readers of Stars and Stripes to know that Ms. Casey knows, and told senators, what they are experiencing.

Tom Philpott  
Centerville, Va.

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## Alternatives to Fox

In "AFN appears Fox-heavy" (letter, July 7), from Heidelberg, Germany, the writer fails to mention that on American Forces Network News, the cycle is Fox, CNN, MSNBC — and it repeats itself in Iraq from 4 p.m. to midnight locally.

Since I can only get the news over the Internet, I turn on music when CNN and MSNBC are on to avoid coverage I don't like. I know I could listen to an hour of Ed Schultz or watch Rachel Maddow, but that is not my desire, so I work my routine to avoid these programs. When I am in my room, I turn off programming I don't like.

Fox is not divisive, Fox is not cheerleading. I would make a comment about the other stations' coverage, but last week almost every viewing hour was Michael Jackson except for Fox.

When Farah Fawcett died, I thought I was going to hear about her 24-7 for the next two days. Lo and behold, Jackson died and we were subjected 24-7 to Michael and the circus for nearly two weeks.

I am one of the senior guys in my work area, but I don't force my soldiers to watch what I like. They have World Wrestling Entertainment, ESPN or AFN News playing during the day. One of the great things about modern technology is that one doesn't have to get up and turn the station. He can sit on the couch and use the clicker. Granted, we get "state"-run media, but it is from all sides, not one-sided.

Lt. Col. James Barber  
Joint Base Balad, Iraq

## There's no such thing

I had to laugh when I read "Make AFN a true no-spin zone," (letter, July 9), about wanting to "sit down and get a well-rounded view of what is going on in the world." American Forces Network or not, you're not going to find that on any TV station, I

don't care where you go.

Are there still people out there who believe that news stations exist simply because they feel a moral obligation to bring people the news? Just the facts without any commentary?

Wake up. Fox, MSNBC, CNN and every other news organization is designed to do one thing, generate revenue. Reasonable, logical, middle-of-the-road and real political dialogue about real issues doesn't make any money. It's boring. Advertisers don't spend money to run commercials during boring TV shows. They'll pay millions to run them during shows that create hate and discontent and cause a lot of controversy. Controversy = ratings = money.

I don't care what the TV station execs tell you about their lofty ideals. They're making decisions based on one thing: dollar signs. The sooner viewers realize that, the less aggravating the news will be.

By the way, maybe we should switch locations. I have to spend my lunch listening to Keith Olbermann whine about every conservative on the planet!

Marc A. Baldwin  
Joint Base Balad, Iraq

## News is mostly biased

I read letters to the editor for July 9 regarding American Forces Network News programs. Too many of the common news programs are not really objective. They are mostly biased left or right. They specialize in hype and tabloid sensationalism, not to mention the added screen garb and frequent pauses. There seems to never be enough time for the guests and they are many times cut off. Debates are ended just when they get going good.

Objective reporting allows the consumer to decide his own opinion. Uninterrupted guest interviews allow in-depth coverage. Where is the Public Broadcasting Service's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer"? Those newscasters are unbiased. Their guests may be opinionated, but they are given fair time to express their side and the debate is mature and held on point without interruption.

Viewers' time is valuable and they deserve high-quality news and debate. It's a waste viewing teaser tidbits of information, social garb and the consistent left-right, get-nowhere arguments so common with most news programs.

If Stars and Stripes has any pull with AFN programming, I wish it would air "The NewsHour" for intelligent news coverage. Give us the news!

Rodney Mynatt  
Camp Taji, Iraq

By GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury





## OPINION

## Ignoring Putin was part of Obama agenda

By ANNE APPLEBAUM

Forget the nuke deal, forget the speech, forget even the Russians' lack of interest in Michelle: The real surprise of President Barack Obama's trip to Moscow last week was that he spent most of his time talking to the Russian president, Dmitry Medvedev, and took only a couple of hours to pay a courtesy call on the Russian prime minister and former president, Vladimir Putin.

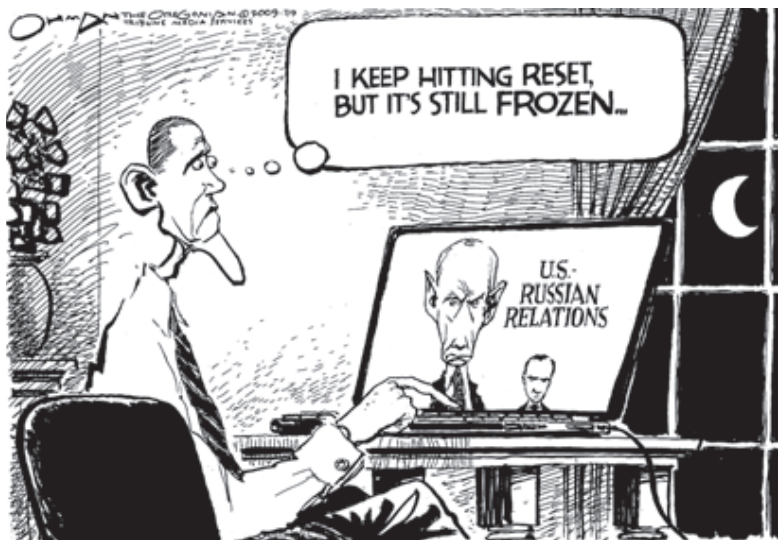
Almost anywhere else in the world, this sort of thing would be a matter of protocol. Generally speaking, the American head of state spends most of his time with other heads of state when traveling abroad. Exceptions are made for those countries whose heads of state are monarchs or some other figurehead, in which case our president pays a courtesy call and then hangs around with the chancellor or prime minister. If Obama were following that pattern in Russia, he would have spent most of his time with Putin.

Yes, Medvedev is the president and, yes, the Russian constitution gives the president the lion's share of power. But ever since his profoundly undemocratic election last year (following his selection by Putin and an orchestrated parody of a campaign), it has been abundantly clear that the Russian president is not in charge. After the invasion of Georgia last August, it was Putin, not Medvedev, who appeared on television and negotiated behind the scenes. And during the Ukrainian gas crisis this winter it was Putin, not Medvedev, who spoke for Russia. Those who have watched the two men together generally come away impressed by Medvedev's exceptional deference to the prime minister.

Someone who took part in a meeting with them some months ago told me afterward that Putin did all the talking while Medvedev took notes.

In recent months, Medvedev has chosen to play a kind of "good cop" to Putin's "bad cop," giving an interview to the last remaining opposition newspaper; saying nice things about democracy and electoral reform; even smiling, on occasion, in photographs with foreign leaders. But none of this has resulted in profound changes in foreign policy, economic policy or human rights, leaving most observers inside and outside the country to assume that Medvedev is playing his part in an elaborate public relations campaign.

The decision to focus the American president's visit on Medvedev instead of Putin could therefore be what British civil servants call "very brave," not least because if you don't talk to the person who's really in charge, you can't expect to get much done. As I understand it, this decision was made at least partly on pragmatic grounds: Meetings with Putin nowadays tend to turn into extended rants about Russia's grievances (last week's breakfast between Putin and Obama apparently being no exception), which doesn't leave much time to pursue productive conversation. Putin wasn't going to get into the subject of Russia's recent military maneuvering on the Georgian border (thousands of troops and hundreds of tanks began exercising there at the end of last month), and Medvedev can't do anything about it anyway, so the Obama administration seems to have figured that there wasn't much point in dealing with the issue. Instead, it dealt with less controversial subjects — such as nuclear arms reductions (which were



mostly going to happen anyway) and rights for U.S. forces fighting in Afghanistan to fly over Russian areas (nice, apparently, but not crucial) — that Medvedev might actually be able to sort out.

The upside of this policy is that it might make Medvedev more powerful, though this is a rather naive and forlorn hope. The downside is that Putin might take offense at being ignored. But given that Putin appears to be generally offended all the time, no matter how often or how sweetly U.S. presidents talk to him, this latter concern seems rather beside the point.

In any case, this sort of chilly calculation

is preferable to the carefully staged walks in the woods, bear hugs and holiday outings that characterized the Clinton-Yeltsin and Bush-Putin relationships. It also beats the lame "let's press the reset button with Russia" metaphor that the Obama administration was using in its first few months in office. It's absolutely true that the worst problems were not resolved last week and that everything hard — from Georgia to missile defense to Iran — has been left aside until further notice. But at least no one is pretending otherwise.

Anne Applebaum is a Washington Post columnist.

## Smoking: From courting ritual to courting trouble

By JAIME O'NEILL

I started smoking when I was 16, pilfering cigarettes from my mother's purse or swiping unfiltered Pall Malls whenever my dad left his opened pack untended. Then I got a job that summer and began buying my own — Newport with menthol and filters, a brand preferred by all the young tobacco initiates I had begun to share my habit with.

The rituals of smoking were many, and we adopted them all, along with the identity they gave us, the sense of ourselves as grown-ups, even if we were faking it, aping our elders as a means of proclaiming our difference from them — a neat trick.

We all would strike poses learned from the movies or practice smooth moves in the art of lighting up. We studied how to flip away a cigarette butt in a gesture of defiant insouciance or how to cup a cigarette against the wind. We learned how to light one cigarette from another or to light one from a gas stove without singeing our hair. We taught ourselves how to blow smoke rings.

Some of us made a fashion statement by enfolding a cigarette pack in the sleeve of a T-shirt, and others thought it a mark of adolescent elegance to cock a cigarette behind one's ear.

We also picked up courting practices that included the touch of a hand as we lighted cigarettes for our girlfriends. We attempted to look sensitive in the way we pulled smoke into our lungs ever so contemplatively, then exhaling slowly, desperately trying to impress.

Those first cigarettes I smoked would lead to a couple hundred thousand more, consumed over more than 30 years, long after any of it seemed cool and much past

the time when smoking was a choice. What began as a desire for acceptance and admission to adulthood became the mark of a pariah, bearing the stamp of loserdom, as smokers huddled near the entrances to our workplaces. We would take quick drags on our illicit smokes while colleagues exited and entered the buildings with looks of disdain or beleaguered tolerance for our pathetic need.

The arc of American tobacco addiction began during World War I, when doughboys fresh off the farms were given tobacco and rolling papers as part of their ration kits, an explicit government endorsement of a practice that I'm sure killed more of those young soldiers than enemy bullets ever would. My grandfather picked up the habit in uniform and passed it down to me — as did guys such as Humphrey Bogart and a legion of other actors and writers of

my granddad's generation who enshrined the practice as the hallmark of toughness or sophistication.

Women were taught to smoke largely as a means of weight control (perhaps that benefit is why our president is so slim). Thousands of ads from the 1920s through the '50s promised glamour and trim silhouettes to our grandmothers and mothers. Those ads helped persuade my mom to start smoking before she conceived me when she was 16, by which time she was already a nicotine addict. Even doctors joined in the campaign to get women to smoke, endorsing some brands over others and promising menstrual mood control and suppression of "nerves."

The social pressure to start smoking is less today than it was in Mom's day — or mine — but, every day, 3,500 Americans under 18 try their first cigarette, and 1,100

make it a habit, according to the American Cancer Society. Some are enticed by flavorings designed to attract the young. The tobacco bill passed last month bans most flavorings, although a political compromise exempted the one — menthol — that helped hook me. But overall, giving the federal government new powers to regulate tobacco is a good thing, likely to save lives.

Mark Twain famously said that quitting smoking was easy, that he had "done it hundreds of times." I found it equally "easy," swearing off cancer sticks on an almost daily basis until I finally managed to smoke my last cigarette 15 years ago.

My mother quit a few months ago. It was "easy" for her too. She has lung cancer.

Jaime O'Neill is a writer in Northern California. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





## Missing woman is believed to be dead

**NY** NEW YORK — Police believe that a cleaning woman who vanished from a Manhattan high-rise may be dead and that her body could turn up in a Pennsylvania landfill.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said investigators "fear the worst" in the disappearance of Eridania Rodriguez.

The 46-year-old Rodriguez was last seen in an office tower in lower Manhattan. Police suspect the woman was killed and dumped in the trash.

## D.C. probe of Barry pact with woman set

**DC** WASHINGTON — D.C. Council chairman Vincent Gray says there will be an independent review of a contract between Council member Marion Barry and his ex-girlfriend.

Gray said Robert Bennett, a former federal prosecutor, has been appointed to lead the probe on a pro bono basis. He says Bennett will review whether Barry complied with city laws and Council rules in awarding a contract to Donna Watts-Brighthaupt while the two were in a relationship.

## Life on the road inspires trucker board game

**ID** BLACKFOOT — A long-haul trucker from southeastern Idaho has created a new trucking-themed board game inspired by his hours on the road.

"My Truckin' Luck" was created with input from truckers, state troopers and mechanics nationwide, Randy Cox told The Idaho State Journal. The game is named after a popular expression among drivers.

"The state police were amused, but didn't really offer anything that we could use," Cox said.

Cox, of Blackfoot, said players start in Washington state, then use dice to determine where they're headed. A chart on the board helps them determine the all-important issue of how much gas they'll need.

"At first we had a map," Cox said. "We had all the interstates connecting at the right places, it was a monstrosity. We played for two hours and weren't even close to be finished."

## That's amore trouble than they expected

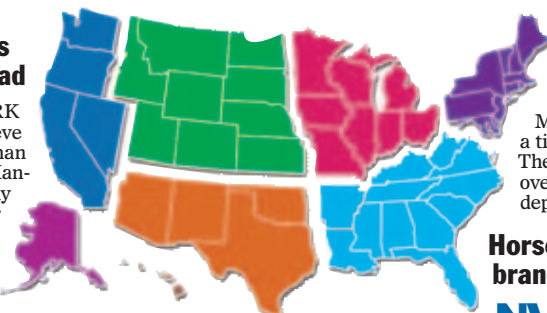
**TX** SAN ANTONIO — The car was a-rockin', so the law went a-knockin'.

Bexar County sheriff's deputies drawn by the actions of an amorous couple in a parked car allegedly found more than l'amour.

Deputy Ino Badillo told The San Antonio Express-news that they also found enough equipment and chemicals in the car to start a methamphetamine lab.

Badillo said deputies checked out the 1991 blue Oldsmobile 88 after neighbors reported it parked in an unusual spot near a house near Randolph Air Force Base, just northeast of San Antonio.

He said Timothy Overly, 26, and Candace Prewitt, 25, have been charged with public lewdness and manufacture of a controlled substance. Both were being booked into the Bexar County Jail with



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bonds set at almost \$31,000 each.

## Man freed after 14 years in jail for contempt

**PA** MEDIA — A Pennsylvania man jailed for contempt of court for 14 years has been ordered released.

H. Beatty Chadwick has been jailed in suburban Philadelphia since 1995 in what's believed to be a record in a U.S. civil contempt case.

Chadwick is accused of hiding \$2.5 million from his ex-wife and was jailed for not disclosing its whereabouts. Chadwick maintains he lost the money in bad investments.

Delaware County Judge Joseph Cronin determined the continued incarceration of Chadwick would not result in compliance with the order.

## Stolen bronze eagles to return after 30 years

**NY** NEW YORK — Two bronze eagles stolen from Central Park more than 30 years ago by a drug dealer who used them to store his stash are finally back at home.

Prosecutors say the statues were stolen from the City Employees War Memorial at the Mall in the mid-1970s. They say a drug dealer hid narcotics and money in the statues and later sold the bronze



## Something's fishy

Justin Hall catches a salmon thrown to him by a co-worker behind the counter at Pike Place Fish at Seattle's famous Pike Place Market. Members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals planned a weekend protest over the association's plan to use a fish-tossing demonstration as a team-building exercise for workers.

eagles to a client for \$200.

Federal agents seized the statues in May 2008 after receiving a tip from the drug dealer. The statues were handed over to the city's parks department.

## Horse found with brand removed

**NV** RENO — A domestic horse found loose in Nevada with the brand cut out of its hide is drawing outrage from equine advocates concerned about the growing number of horses abandoned in the wild.

Humane Society officials believe the brand was removed so the 2-year-old mare couldn't be traced to its owner, representing one of the worst cases of abuse involving an abandoned domestic horse in the country.

The animal was found near Round Mountain, a remote mining community about 235 miles southeast of Reno. Its brand — which functions like a car's license plate — was removed in a 6-by-8-inch patch from its left hip.

The horse is expected to recover and will be transported to a sanctuary in Lompoc, Calif., operated by the horse advocacy group Return to Freedom.

## Charges filed after body is found in van

**VA** WYTHEVILLE — Authorities have filed murder charges against a North Carolina couple caught speeding on Interstate 77 with a dead woman in their van.

Wythe County Sheriff Doug King said 42-year-old Kelly Lynette Culley of Taylorsville, N.C., was shot multiple times.

Taylorsville Police Chief Tony Jones said 31-year Lisa Church Damron and her husband, 42-year-old Jerry Wayne Damron, are charged with murder.

Jones said kidnapping charges could be filed because police believe Culley was alive when she was placed in the back of the Damrons' van.

A Wythe County deputy found Culley's body wrapped in a blanket when he stopped the van. The deputy charged Lisa Damron with driving under the influence and her husband with appearing drunk in public.

## Officials: Teen hacked opossum at day camp

**TX** DALLAS — City officials in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite say a teenage camp counselor hacked an opossum to death with an ax, and the animal's young were also killed.

No animal cruelty charges have been filed in the incident, which occurred at a summer day camp. Some parents are upset over what their children witnessed, and city officials are investigating what happened. The Dallas Morning News reported.

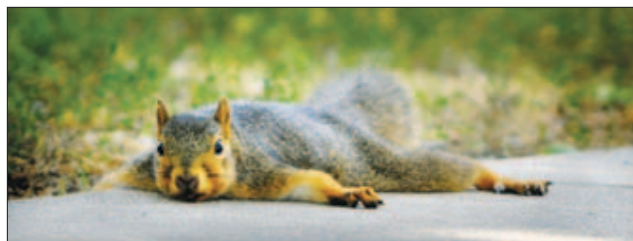
"I think there was some fear, some anger and just not sure how to treat a wild animal," said Mark Hindman, assistant city manager.

After the marsupial was found in a garbage can, the counselor took an ax from a camp office, chased it and killed. The babies then emerged, possibly from the mother's pouch. They also were killed, though the young campers were unsure how, Hindman said.



## Taking a leap

Mackenzie Reagan, 6, from Amarillo, Texas, plays in the fountain at Sanborn Park in Amarillo in 100-degree heat.



## What a life!

A squirrel spreads out in the shade at Oakdale Park in Salina, Kan.



## Goat grooming

Michael Shilling, 10, dries off the underside of his goat before judging at the Newton County Fairgrounds in

Neosho, Mo.





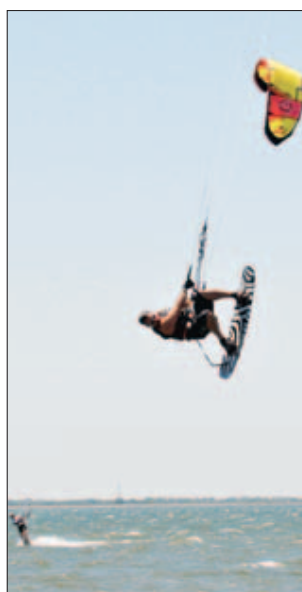
## Wall of memories

Larry Sepranek is reflected in the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall while searching for names he recognizes in Platteville, Wis. Sepranek served in the Army from 1966 to 1968.



## Curls will be curls

Contestants in curlers and evening gowns watch the talent event of the Miss Florida pageant rehearsal at the Mahaffey Theatre in St. Petersburg, Fla. The winner of Miss Florida goes on to compete in the Miss America pageant.



## Flown by a kite

One kiteboarder jumps in front of another at Lake Hefner in Oklahoma City.



## Sun sets on the fair

Participants at the Jefferson County Fair in Jefferson, Wis., work their horses in an outdoor arena as the sun sets.

## Invasive seaweed found in bay causes concern

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — An invasive, fast-growing seaweed from the Far East has been found in San Francisco Bay, worrying marine scientists and outpacing eradication efforts.

The kelp is called Undaria pinnatifida and was first found in the state at the Port of Los Angeles in 2000. A year later, it was found at Catalina Island and along the shores of Monterey Bay.

In May, a marine biologist found the kelp clinging to docks and fouling boat hulls and pier pilings at a yacht harbor in San Francisco Bay.

Previously, ocean scientists believed the kelp's northward spread had been stopped at Monterey Bay. But federal funding for eradication dried up last year, and volunteer divers are now the main line of defense against the invasive seaweed.

## Bloomberg has spent \$36M-plus on race

**NY** YORK CITY — Mayor Michael Bloomberg has spent more than \$36.6 million on his bid for a third term, blowing through \$18 million in just two months — a pace likely to shatter his record total in the last election.

Bloomberg, who said that "you can't buy an election" because the public is "much too smart for that," spent \$18 million from May 12 to July 11. More than \$10 million in two months has gone toward advertising and literature, including television, direct mail and print ads.

## Three WWII veterans awarded French honor

**OR** PORTLAND — Three World War II veterans have been awarded the Legion of Honor by France for their military service.

The French consul general presented the award to 88-year-old Dale Reynolds of Lake Oswego, 84-year-old William Tankersley of Gold Beach and 87-year-old George Insley of Roseburg.

A fourth Oregon vet, Donald Malarkey of Salem, was out of the country but will also receive the honor, The Oregonian reported.

Insley flew more than 50 bombing missions. Tankersley was wounded three times as he fought across northern France, Belgium and Luxembourg. Reynolds was wounded twice as he fought in Lorient, Nantes and Saint-Nazaire.

## Sheriff apologizes to man falsely accused

**SC** COLUMBIA — Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott apologized publicly to a man falsely accused by deputies and local prosecutors in the May 2006 Mother's Day slaying of the man's wife at a Columbia apartment.

During a news conference, Lott offered the apology to Justin Mallory at the same time he announced that a California man had confessed to the murder of Nekia Mallory three years ago.

The suspect, 25-year-old Joshua Porch, was found by Richland County deputies in Long Beach, Calif., and confessed to the murder. Porch is a former Columbia resident and one-time friend

of Justin Mallory who testified against Mallory at trial. Lott declined to say what the motive was behind the killing.

Justin Mallory, a 28-year-old father, was acquitted of murder charges in December.

## Teen who accidentally shot hunter sentenced

**WA** MOUNT VERNON — A teenage hunter who shot and killed a hiker he mistook for a bear has been sentenced to 30 days in juvenile detention and 120 hours of community service.

Tyler J. Kales, then 14, was hunting with his older brother in August when he shot 54-year-old Pamela Almli of Oso, who was trekking on the popular Sauk mountain hiking trail north of Seattle.

Kales, who has since turned 15, apologized to the victim's family at his sentencing and said he hoped they could forgive him.

The victim's sister, Gail Blacker, told him that "in one second you destroyed everything."

Kales, of Concrete, was convicted last month of second-degree manslaughter with a firearm. Skagit County Superior Court Judge Susan Cook also sentenced him to a year of probation and said his community service must include four hours of hunting safety education.

## Gay couple says Mormon guards harassed them

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — A gay couple say they were detained by security guards on a plaza owned by the Mormon church and later cited by police, claiming it stemmed from a kiss on the cheek.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said the men became argumentative and refused to leave after being asked to stop their "inappropriate behavior." The men say they were targeted because they are gay.

The church has been the target of protests over its support of a ban on gay marriage in California.

Matt Aune said he and his partner, Derek Jones, were walking home from a concert nearby, cutting through the plaza near the Salt Lake City Mormon temple.

Aune, 28, said he gave Jones, 25, a hug and kiss and that the two were then approached by a security guard, who asked them to leave, telling them they were being inappropriate and that public displays of affection aren't allowed on the property. He said other guards arrived and the men were handcuffed.

## Veteran complains after protest flag is seized

**WI** WAUSAU — An American flag flown upside down as a protest in a northern Wisconsin village was seized by police before a Fourth of July parade and the businessman who flew it — an Iraq war veteran — claims the officers trespassed and stole his property.

A day after the parade, police returned the flag and the man's protest — over a liquor license — continued.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin is considering legal action against the village of Crivitz for violating Vito Congine Jr.'s First Amendment rights, Executive Director Chris Ahmuty said.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

The Aries moon gives an energetic push and it's up to us to temper the boost with a positive focus and good manners. Use your power to excel, not to rush. And increase your awareness of others around you. Better to err on the side of caution than to step on anyone's toes. Pretend you have all the time in the world to get where you're going.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 14).

You have a gift for conveying who you are, what you do and what you want. You generate excitement and support wherever you go. The next 10 weeks bring a slew of new professional contacts. Love is your main focus in the fall. One relationship blossoms as another relationship heals. There's a big purchase in May. Libra and Leo adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You enjoy a good game, especially one that you or your partner made up. The rules to these emotional matches may not be spelled out, but you both have a creative sense about how to play.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If loved ones seem jumpy around you, it's because you have a slight edge to your voice. Get some overdue "me time." Don't wait until you're dangling off the cliff to realize you're at the end of your rope.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Unexpected visitors will arrive; pleasant enough, but they still disrupt your day. Go with the flow. There's little you can do about it that you wouldn't regret later. You're a hospitable person at your core.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Someone close to you who is getting into shape will inspire you to do the same. Your body responds quickly to whatever program you try and you will also be mentally stronger for the endorphin release.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You know what you want to happen on this day, but you are not totally in con-

trol of the schedule. The needs of your loved ones play heavily into your balancing act. It makes you happy that you are able to seize these chances to give.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It's easy to make wrong assumptions about people, especially if they remind you of someone you knew in the past. Try to resist jumping to conclusions. Ask questions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're quite impressionable. Whenever you go, you'll match the energy of the room. When you're the only one in the room, you'll still pick up on the feeling your surroundings are emitting. So visit beautiful places.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You are a magician, and there's nothing you can't pull out of your hat. Making the trick happen requires repetitive practice and a little bit of luck. If others think the illusion is real, let them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** A natural reaction to stress is to retreat from the source of tension. When you feel yourself withdrawing from a situation, do so consciously. Try and pinpoint exactly what is causing you to feel anxious.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** It's no fun to explore your options if someone is closely observing your every move. Whether it's an overly attentive store clerk or a friend who's too involved in your dating life, let others know that you need space to shop.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Lately it's been more difficult than usual for you to manifest what you desire, but you'll have a breakthrough today. Suddenly, you're an expert at shaping your fantasies into something you can actually put your hands on.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You change someone's life just by being you — you don't have to do a single thing more. Therefore, the act that is all about making you happy may actually be the most selfless you can do now.

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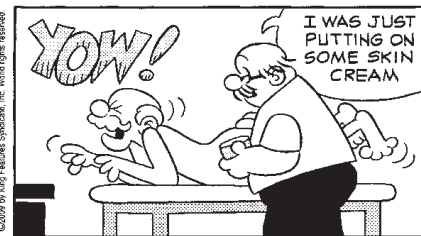
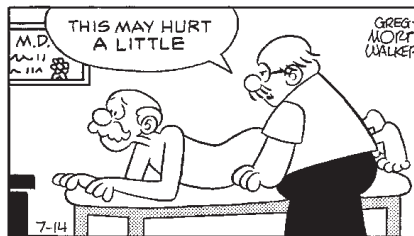
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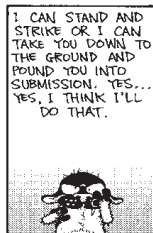
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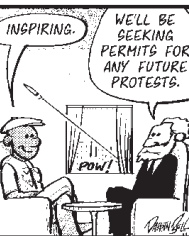
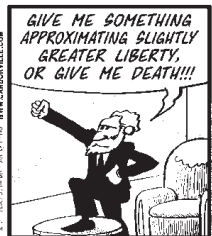
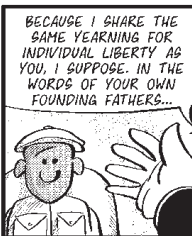
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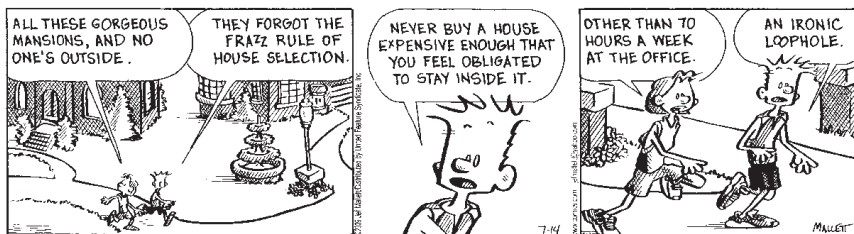
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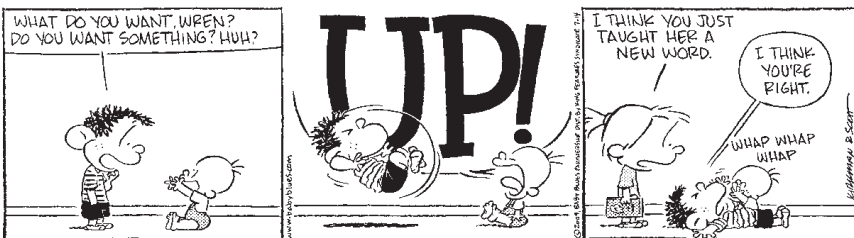
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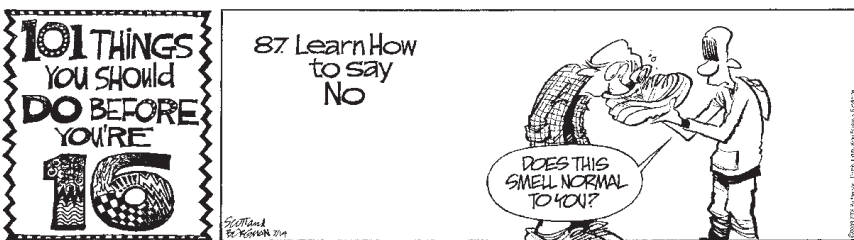
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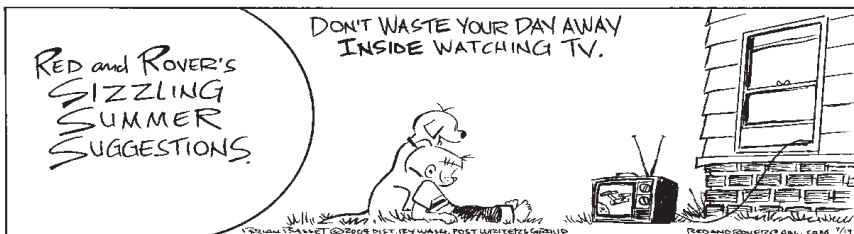
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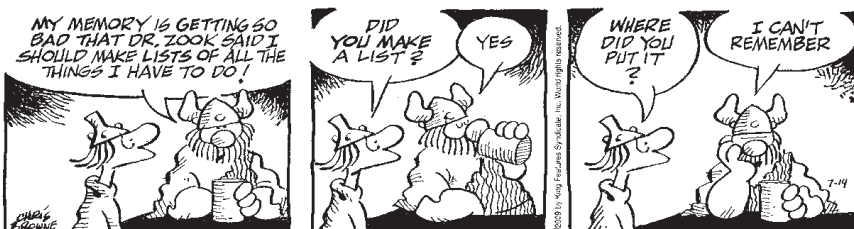
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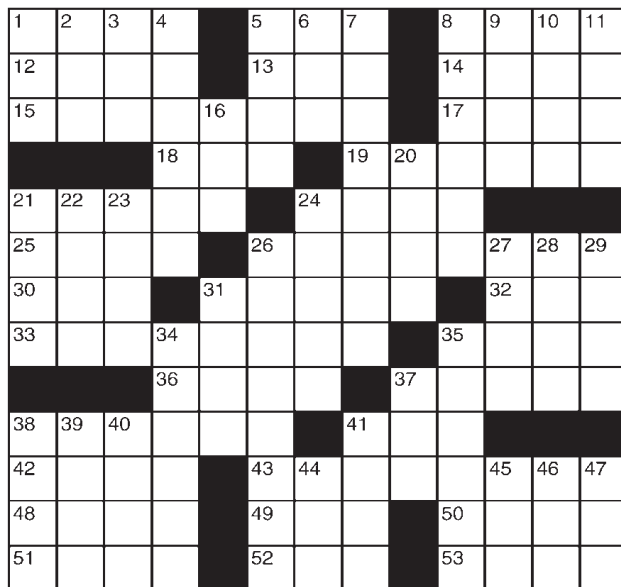
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# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## ACROSS

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- 5 Vacationing
- 8 Cavort
- 12 Concept
- 13 Island souvenir
- 14 Ontario neighbor
- 15 Welcome information
- 17 Confront
- 18 Coffee holder
- 19 Semi, e.g.
- 21 Pie nut
- 24 Slender
- 25 Destroy
- 26 Bargain
- 30 A Gershwin brother
- 31 Houston hockey team
- 32 Pi follower
- 33 Bible
- 35 On in years
- 36 Wriggly swimmers
- 37 Travelocity mascot
- 38 Old Portuguese money
- 41 Crone
- 42 Body powder
- 43 "I hope you succeed"
- 48 Lotion additive
- 49 Anger
- 50 Needle case
- 51 Stamina
- 52 Letterman's

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53 Exemplar of 24-Across

## DOWN

- 1 Ginormous
- 2 Commotion
- 3 Zodiac cat
- 4 Nut
- 5 Couturier Cassini
- 6 Not a lot
- 7 End of the line?
- 8 Money back
- 9 Exam format
- 10 Sightless trio of rhyme
- 11 Equal
- 16 Sister
- 20 Helps
- 21 Overly proper one
- 22 38-Across'
- 23 "Arrivederci"
- 24 Barcelona bulls
- 26 Re earth science
- 27 Therefore
- 28 Throat sound
- 29 Prospector's find
- 31 Sleeping
- 34 Low cards
- 35 User of 7-Down
- 37 Peregrinate
- 38 List-ending abbr.
- 39 Post-Christmas event
- 40 Stop up
- 41 Weeding tools
- 44 Sphere
- 45 Multipurpose truck
- 46 Prompt
- 47 Youngster

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE MY IMPORTANT STORY SIMPLY MUST BE TOLD, YOU COULD SAY IT'S AN IMPERATIVE NARRATIVE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals K



## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



## AFRTS Television Schedule

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MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	(8:00) Sports	Raggs	Movie "Jesse Stone: Night Passage" (2006, Crime Drama) Tom Selleck, Stephen Baldwin.	State of the Union With John King	The View	(8:30) Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	Mad About You	(:15) Sports	(8:00) Sports
9:30		Aladdin					Living Single		
10:00		Bratz		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Animaniacs				FNG Useful benefits.			
11:00	Sports	Scooby	(10:47) Movie "The Quiet Man" (1952) John Wayne. A U.S. boxer returns to Ireland and fights for his bride.	Newsroom	Judge Alex	Week-Pentagon	E! News		Sports
11:30		Scooby			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	This Week	SpongeBob SquarePants		Huckabee	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "A Piece of the Action"	Sports	
12:30		SpongeBob SquarePants			Judge Judy	EXchange on Air			
13:00	Meet the Press	Jimmy Neutron: Gen. WordGirl	(:11) Movie "Never Talk to Strangers" (1995) Rebecca De Mornay, Psychiatrist meets mysterious man.	Larry King Live	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Dr. Laura Live: In Praise of Mom		
13:30						Downrange			
14:00	Wall Street Jnl	Play With Me Sesame		60 Minutes	General Hospital	FNG Useful benefits.			Sports
14:30	ESPNNews	LazyTown				Recon			
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:51) Movie "There's Something About Mary" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon.	State of the Union With John King	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Designers' Challenge	SportsCenter	
15:30		The Brady Bunch				Battleground	The Soup		
16:00	The View	Movie "Angels in the Outfield" (1994, Comedy) Danny Glover, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Tony Danza.		Week-Pentagon	Oprah Winfrey	Tour of Duty	Man vs. Wild The wilderness of Patagonia.	Sports	Sports
16:30				Up to the Minute		Week-Pentagon			
17:00	Dr. Phil		Entertainers		Wheel of Fortune	VA News	King of the Hill		
17:30				Face the Nation	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		
18:00	Judge Alex	Duel Masters	Entertainment Tonight	Newsroom	Wall Street Jnl	EXchange on Air	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible			Around the Services	Army Newswatch	The Colbert Report		
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "WALL-E" (2008, Adventure) Voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin.	Fox and Friends First	60 Minutes	Briefing Encore	Doctor Who A bride-to-be mysteriously vanishes.		WWE SmackDown!
19:30	Judge Judy	Growing Up Creepie				Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana		Today	NCIS "Murder 2.0"	Battleground	Reaper Sam and Alan are attacked by two demons.		
20:30		Unfabulous				Recon			
21:00	General Hospital	Smallville "Static"	(8:53) Movie "Chicago" (2002, Musical) Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renée Zellweger, Richard Gere.	Today	Big Brother 11	Week-Pentagon	Ghost Whisperer "Greek Tragedy"		Party Monsters: Cabo
21:30						The Grill Sergeants			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Fame Is Where You Find It"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld	Sports	Chappelle's Show
22:30					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon Revisited	Friends		The Man Show
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "I Love You"	(:01) Movie "Cowboy" (1958, Western) Glenn Ford.	Newsroom		Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Sports
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(11:01) Movie "Cowboy" (1958) Glenn Ford, Jack Lemmon.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	(11:00) Sports
00:30	Jeopardy!	Growing Up Creepie			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(12:51) Movie "U-571" (2000, Suspense) Matthew McConaughey. GIs try to steal an encryption device from a German sub.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	Criminal Minds The profilers investigate a serial rapist.		
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Unfabulous			CSI: NY "Blink"	Around the Services	NCIS "Hiatus" (Part 2 of 2)		WWE SmackDown!
2:00	60 Minutes	Smallville "Static"		Newsroom		Downrange			
2:30					All Hands TV				
3:00	NCIS "Murder 2.0"	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Fame Is Where You Find It"	(2:59) Movie "WALL-E" (2008) Voices of Ben Burtt. Animated. A robot chases a mechanical scout across the galaxy.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Men in Trees "Wander/Lust"	Sports	
3:30						State Dept Briefing			
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven "I Love You"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Conversion"		Party Monsters: Cabo
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(4:52) Movie "Chicago" (2002, Musical) Catherine Zeta-Jones. Rival entertainers vie for the spotlight on behind bars.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Today's Air Force	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Chappelle's Show
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House		Glenn Beck	Headline News	The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	The Man Show
6:00		Sesame Street			Good Morning America	Downrange	30-Minute Meals	Around the Horn	Comedy Central Presents
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Peep-Big World	Entertainers	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Around the Services	Good Eats	Pardon the Interruption	Premium Blend
7:00		JoJo's Circus		NBC Nightly News		Briefing Encore	Get Fresh With Sara Snow	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Go, Diego, Go!	Entertainment Tonight	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	This Week in the Pentagon	The Dan Ho Show		
8:00		My Friends Tigger & Pooh		CBS Evening News		Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	Sports	Sports
8:30	Judge Judy					Around the Services			
9:00	CSI: NY "Blink"	Raggs	Movie "The Reading Room" (2005, Drama) James Earl Jones, Joanna Cassidy.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon	Mad About You		
9:30		Aladdin				State Dept Briefing	Living Single (Part 1 of 2)		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Bratz		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Animaniacs				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!	(:40) Movie "The Professional" (1994) Jean Reno, Gary Oldman. A hit man takes an orphan girl under his wing.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	This Week in the Pentagon	E! News		Sports
11:30		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Immunity Syndrome"		
12:30	ESPNNews	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Comedy-Drama) Shirley MacLaine, Debra Winger. A domineering mother and her daughter spar for years.	Campbell Brown	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Roseanne "Born to Be Wild"		
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Sylvester & Tweety			The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends Vegas wedding.		
13:30		Super Why!				Downrange			
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Pinky Dinky Doo		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson	Jakers! The Adventures				EXchange on Air			
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:53) Movie "Mission: Impossible" (1996, Action) Tom Cruise, Jon Voight. Treachery in Prague puts an agent on the run.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	SportsCenter	
15:30		The Brady Bunch		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Curb Appeal		
16:00	The View	Movie "Scooby Doo and the Monster of Mexico" Frank Welker, Casey Kasem.		Tavis Smiley		Today's Air Force	Man vs. Wild "Andes Adventure" Patagonian glacier.	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30						Recon			
17:00	Dr. Phil		Movie Mob	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill (Part 2 of 2)		X Play
17:30		SpongeBob SquarePants	Maltin's Secret's Out	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	Judge Alex	Duel Masters	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "Flyboys" (2006, Historical Drama) James Franco, Martin Henderson, Jean Reno. Americans volunteer for the French military in World War I.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Heroes "I Am Sylar"	Briefing Encore	Homeland Security USA "They Call Me the Rottweiler"		WWE Monday Night Raw
19:30	Judge Judy	6TEEN				Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana		Today	Everybody Hates Chris	Battleground	The Biggest Loser: Families		
20:30		True Jackson, VP			The Office "Broke"	Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	Summerland "Kicking and Screaming"	(:37) Movie "Walking Tall" (2004, Action) The Rock, Johnny Knoxville, Neal McDonough.	Today	Bones "Cinderella in Cardboard"	Around the Services	The Biggest Loser: Families		The Salt 'N Pepa Show
21:30						Pacific Report			Snoop Dogg's Father Hood
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Stand (Up) and Deliver"		America's Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Stall"	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:30						USARJ This Week	Friends		Attack of the Show!
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Who Knew?"	(:15) Movie "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000, Comedy)	Newsroom		The Grill Sergeants	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

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#### Autos for Sale

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Subaru Legacy Wagon, runs fine, JCI to Sept. 29th Best use as a temporary short term vehicle, runs fine, A/C, music, etc. seats 5, rear seat folds down. Why so cheap? Just had JCI inspection and will need \$400-\$800 of work to pass next JCI (on-base price, maybe half that off-base). Recycle tax already paid. Road tax paid. Can use for a temporary car, then junk. If junking, you can get back the remaining Road tax, which should be over \$100. Could fix up, but wouldn't recommend it, won't pass due to oil leaks, tires at minimum, etc. We are about to travel and want to take care of this in the next few days. If no response, we'll junk it ourselves shortly, just thought someone could use it for temporary transportation. Please email [yokotajp88@yahoo.com](mailto:yokotajp88@yahoo.com) Thanks for viewing!

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda Accord Wagon - Power Locks, brand new, Break pads/ Power Windows / Air Conditioner / Anti-Lock Brakes / Driver Airbag / Passenger Airbag / A/C / Power Steering / Alloy Wheels / Power Mirrors / ETC Card Reader - Pre-installed. Very roomy, Looks great, Drives great, everything runs. Great No accidents, JCI until Aug. 2011 asking \$3500 please call 090-1452-9348

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda Odyssey-low km-JCI good title. Feb. 2011 asking \$1600 please call 773-634-7782 or email [usafirefighters1wife@gmail.com](mailto:usafirefighters1wife@gmail.com)

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Mitsubishi Lancer MX Great investment. Smoke free. Power locks and windows. Automatic 4 doors. Very standard. Big trunk. JCI is good for 2 years exp. Date March 2011. Road tax is paid. Asking \$2000.00 or best offer. Please call David or Jennifer 7134900555

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Integra 84,700 km Air Conditioning Power Locks Power Windows JCI until April 2010 Asking \$2300 Please call Jayson Hedrick 621-6116-7079 or email [jaymel72@msn.com](mailto:jaymel72@msn.com)

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Odyssey JCI July 2011 \$1800.00 obo low miles /power sunroof / 7 passenger front + back ac & heat all seats fold away for a-lit/open cargo area new tires (4 months old) front wheel drive / tilt steering abs / power everything sunroof (tinted see through roof) great shape / well maintained call 614-358-4908

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Honda Life (Mini Car) Under 35K Miles Great Condition Excellent Gas Mileage Power Everything Tinted Windows Low Road Tax Low JCI Cost Purchased at Tokyo Honda Dealership. JCI until Jul 2011 Asking 2200 OBO Call 773-634-7775

Yokota, Japan - 95 Toyota Mark II Silver, 80K km runs great. Serious offers only call Eric 717-265-2635. JCI until July 2011 asking \$1750 Please call 717-265-2635 or email [esndrs49@yahoo.com](mailto:esndrs49@yahoo.com)

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Yokota, Japan - 1998 Toyota Solara Crosser - Seats 7 Under 35K Miles - great condition Television GPS Navigation Capable Rear Parking Camera 360 Degree Sonar Warning Two Moon Roofs Front + Rear A/C & Heat Power Everything Purchased at Tokyo Toyota Dealership. JCI until July 2011 Asking \$3750 OBO Call 773-634-7775

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Honda Odyssey JCI good until Jan 2011, Great AC and Heater, CD player, Power windows and doors, Great Condition, 72546 Kilometers, Remote power locks, Very Clean (Owners are non-smokers)! Must sell owner PCSing. Asking \$3000 OBO. Call 08035868753 or email [g.flog@gmail.com](mailto:g.flog@gmail.com)

Yokota, Japan - 2000 US SPEC Subaru Impreza STI, it is an "E" plate so you can ship it back to the states with no problem. This car is nicely modded and is in Beautiful shape. JCI until Sep. 2010 asking \$14500 OBO. Please check out this site for pictures and Modification list <http://www.cardomain.com/rvde/3307436> If any questions please email me [caree1907@yahoo.com](mailto:caree1907@yahoo.com) or call 510-619-5651 Trades welcome.

Yokota, Japan - 91 Toyota Estima Very reliable! Great van for family trips around Japan, cool/hot drink box with ice-maker, crab chairs - swivel for easy conversation, power windows/locks, sunroof, moon-roof, A/C/heat front & rear, new tires (4 xs), sonar sensor, AM/FM cassette JCI until June 10 Asking \$2100 OBO Call now - 623-734-9625

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Yokota, Japan - 2001 Subaru Legacy B4 5 speed manual transmission. Twin turbo all wheel drive. Black and Blue leather interior. 6 disc CD changer. Navigation system Aftermarket MOMO steering wheel HKS cold air intake HKS Super Sequential blow off valve HKS turbo timer. Cusco front strut bar Aftermarket exhaust. HID headlights Adjustable suspension LED instrument panel. Power everything. Interior in excellent condition Exterior in good condition Factory 17" bronze rims (almost no curb rash). New tires (about 2 months old) Keyless entry just changed the oil. Road tax paid. JCI until April 2011 asking \$4700 I still have most of the stock parts. All reasonable offers will be considered. You can also contact me at 080-4053-9239 or [johathan.mckee@yokota.af.mil](mailto:johathan.mckee@yokota.af.mil)

Yokota, Japan - 96 Acura Inspire 63k miles new JCI-price cut Clean and reliable car! New tires, 6 Disc CD changer, 4 door, Power Sunroof, Road Tax Paid, New JCI, 17inch alloy wheels, low profile tires, cold AC, bag light from 1994 base, well kept, clean interior, clean title, power windows and locks, low miles, serviced on schedule. Good gas mileage. Ready to be driven. Call for JCI until June 2011 asking \$2500 Call 305-520-0368 or email [slswans7@msn.com](mailto:slswans7@msn.com)

Yokota, Japan - 99 Honda Integra In Great condition For Sale 1999 Honda (Acura) Integra Silver exterior color Has Black interior very clean Low miles (52000) Back windows are Tinted JCI Good Till Dec 2010 Excellent gas mileage (36 km per gallon) \$2300 Or Best Offer Price negotiable so Call or email me at 08051981568 or home 312-275-4953

Yokota, Japan - For sale rav4 2004 - \$1500.00 1994 Toyota RAV4 2 DR Automatic Transmission Runs Great A/C and Heat AM / FM / CD Player Road Tax/JCI good until 2010 Rear seats fold down for groceries, Great on gas, Recent maintenance. New brake pads, new wiper blades, new tires, and brand new 95 cc engine, asking \$1500 if interested, call Jeff or cell phone 080-3362-7604 or 1-323-338-7570 to arrange viewing or test drive

Yokota, Japan - Honda Civic EXI Car 2011 Great car excellent condition. Air work great. Keyless entry. Low miles Great on gas. JCI expire Mar 2011 asking \$1500 Call 1-623-734-9619

Zama - 1994 Nissan Skyline, charcoal color, 53,000 km, new battery last year, new brake pads last inspection, remote keyless entry, JCI good until Aug 09, road tax paid, good condition, includes iPod FM transmitter, available July 15th, \$500. Contact Suzanne 267-6180, 080-3098-5767, or email [sandalbook@hotmail.com](mailto:sandalbook@hotmail.com)

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Atsugi - 1989 Nissan 180SX gray, Turbo CA, JCI expires April 1, 2010, the car runs good, does have some issues, asking \$1500, email [perj327263@softbank.jp](mailto:perj327263@softbank.jp) or call 08039181608.

Atsugi - 2002 Cadillac Seville SL5 4.6L (4,565 cc) Northstar V-8 engine, Leather, all Power, 6 disc CD changer, RSD \$7,500.00 obo 08058695453 Ivan.

Atsugi - 96 Honda Odyssey, 67,000 km, runs great, cold AC, CD player, new tires and radiator in 2008, JCI thru April 2010, road tax paid, available July 22 - PCSing, \$1200, call 264-7631

SHAZAMA - 1991 Champagne colored Nissan Bluebird, 17,000 km/72000 mi. Runs Well. Maintained. Very reliable. Great A/C, heat, older model GPS, but works well. All fees paid. JCI due Oct. 09. Asking 500.00. Available mid-July. Call Rich 267-6620 / 080-6626-9248.

Yokosuka - 1995 Cadillac Eldorado, Great shape, very well maintained! Fully optioned! 54,000 original miles! Best reasonable offer. Call Scott at 080-1373-2360.

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SHA/ZAMA - 1994 Black Nissan Largo Van. (2nd owner/1st was Japanese owner). Seats 7. Moon roof. Several row windows. Keyless entry (clicker). The back seats fold up and away for great storage, cargo or camping (can fit motorcycles, large stroller, and I used it to deliver my furniture and save fees). First row swivels for easy movement in van. Some minor things need attention (i.e. rear wiper blade replacement), but do not affect turning or reliability of vehicle. Good leg room. New radiator. 82,000km/ 51000mi. Reliable. Runs well. Maintained. All fees paid including recycle fee. JCI due July 2010. Body in great shape, no accidents. Available mid-July. Asking 1650.00. Call Dana 267-6620

Yokota - \$1,000 buys a 1996 Toyota Ipsum. Awesome dual AC, iPod ready with great stereo, seats 6, fabulous "Vegas-like" interior that absorbs child droppings. JCI till next year. Call Tim at 0909366415 (Yokota). Available July 25th.

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Cima runs great 18" Chrome Rims PCSing soon! JCI good until Aug 2010! Asking \$1000 Call Gainey 080-3713-9713 [gainey98@msn.com](mailto:gainey98@msn.com)

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Yokosuka - 1995 Nissan Skyline GTS25t 4door, 70,000km, new timing belt and gtr N1 water-pump, 5 speed conversion! ORC twin plate clutch- Not too stiff. Comes with Nismo titanium catback exhaust and also a custom titanium catless exhaust for track purposes. DMAX carbon fiber hood, HID low beams 6000k legal, HKS evc3 boost controller (boost kept at 6.5 bar L7.5 H currently) FMIC, 1.5way lsd, Factory ECU reflashed by TM Factory for an automatic, so runs in auto or manual. Lots of other parts, pictures available if wanted. \$4500 obo. Serious offers only. Like to see this go to a good driver. Buyer may get some extra goodies thrown in for free that I didn't have time to install. Call Chuck at 090 3692 4470

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Mazda Miata Roadster (convertible) Runs and drives great. Nothing wrong mechanically, small tear in the back of the top, five speed and lots of fun. My daughter has left for college no longer needed. JCI until Oct. 09 asking \$1650 OBO Please call 210-547-9936 or email [samueltengler@hotmail.com](mailto:samueltengler@hotmail.com)

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Yokota, Japan - 1991 Toyota Estima (4-Wheel Drive) The larger Toyota van. Red with only 121K km (75.2K Miles) Seats 7 comfortably, two middle bucket seats that turn all the way around or flatten out to load larger cargo. Smooth ride with sonar sensors on all 4 corners of vehicle. Excellent tires, New Air Conditioner compressor 7 months ago. Cold air works great! Includes a cooler/ice maker in center console for long trips, Sun Roof, JCI until Feb 2010 Asking 2100 OBO Call 1-763-354-3512 or email [tom\\_n\\_ana@hotmail.com](mailto:tom_n_ana@hotmail.com)

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Camry, color dark gray/blue; 4-door; good condition. Selling for a friend who is PCSing. JCI expires Feb. 2010 asking \$1000 obo please call Jim at 1-323-338-7588

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Mazda Familia - \$600, silver/gray in color. 4door, new tires, runs good, A/C works, just needs to be recharged. Road tax and recycling tax paid. JCI good till Aug 2010. Miles 67784-km. Available July 28. Give deposit we will hold for you. Contact Jennifer 240-845-5319

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Zama - 1996 Nissan Cedric, 4DR, silver, 115,000K, AC, keyless entry, Road tax paid, JCI expires Feb 2011, excellent condition, digital odometer, speedometer, and AC control. Asking for \$2300, OBO. Available J.U.L.Y please contact Fern at 267-6553 or 0903579126, email bigfemsa2002@yahoo.com.

Zama - 1998 Honda Odyssey Van, JCI: 6 June 2011, Leather exterior, TV, navigational unit. Excellent cond. Available immediately. \$ 2,000. 080-5688-0996/263-8976

## Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - 2008 Harley Davidson Street Glide Anniversary Edition. 1000 miles JCI and road tax paid and inspection is good for two more years ABS C/C and much more. Asking \$17,750. Call DSN# 315-264-4112 or CELLa 080-3531-5391

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda X-111 Nice motorcycle 1100 cc, new battery plant of power. Need to sell. JCI until Oct. 2010. Asking \$3500 OBO Please call 210-547-9936 or email samuelengler@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Honda CBR 600 RR, 2003 - Excellent Condition!! Oil, Oil Filter, Air Filter, Spark Plugs all changed on 20 Jun 09! Tires Pilot Power 2CT-New Tires on 2-Jun-09 - Custom Painted Black Swing arm/Tail Morkie Rear sets (Chrome) - Stock passenger sets (Chrome dipped) - Stock Clutch lever/Brake Lever (Chrome Dipped) - Yoshimura Exhaust - Chrome Wind Screen - Corbin Main Seat - Custom Graphics. JCI until Jan. 09 asking \$7000. Call 080-3738-9126 or email notat824682@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Suzuki GSX-R-750 Bike has low miles on it. Bunch of upgrades. Can be taken back to the states. Call 0805-0800-412 if interested. JCI until Jan. 2011 asking \$5500. Call 973-474-2603 or email s\_cenov@yahoo.com

## Auto Parts 180

Yokota, Japan - 15" wheels looking for some - 15" wheels with a Son 5.5 lug pattern. Thanks for looking Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Stock Honda Rims Looking to buy stock Honda Rims that will fit 95 Accord. I believe the bolt pattern is 4X114.3. Willing to pay a reasonable price or to trade my aftermarket rims with tires for stock rims and tires. Send me an e-mail for pictures. Call 9164734539 or email theunstated@gmail.com reasonable price. Thanks a lot

## Baby Items 200

Yokosuka - White 5 in 1 crib with matching changing table and armoire. All offers considered. \$300. Jaken 0246-8466 or tweetyd03@yahoo.com

## Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Alpha Omega Elite 3-in-1 Car seat is in great condition. Rear-facing-forward facing-boost. Up to 100lbs, asking \$75 OBO Call 225-7917

Zama - New Play house: \$100. Eddie Power Baby Back pack: \$30. White Baby crib with bedding: \$50. 080-5688-0996/263-8976

## Bicycles 220

Zama - Boys 26 inch bicycle. NEXT Power Climber 18 speed knobby tire street bike. Needs new inner tubes other wise like brand new condition. \$50. Two Symphonic color televisions 27" for \$75 and 19" for \$50. Email ed\_major@hotmail.com

## Books 250

Yokota, Japan - Many UMUC books BMGT 380, Business law today 8th ED, Miller & Jentz \$70.00 ASTRO 100, Horizons exp universe, 10th ED, Seeds, \$35.00 HRMN 300, Human resource mgmt, 12th ED, Mathis \$80.00 PHSY 100, Physical science, 4th ED, Hewitt, \$80.00 HRMN 365, Generations @ work, Current ED, Zemke, \$15.00 Prices firm. Contact ga2222@gmail.com, 080-4058-2674

## Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Huge bag w/ older boy clothes & shoes my son just filled a huge bag w/ clothes & shoes. Clothes are mainly sizes 12/14 & a few 14/16 (S, M, L, and XL). There are a few pairs of Jeans that are brand new. There are Nike Sets, P.J.s, shirts, shorts, and more. The shoes are Youth size 6-There are Nike's, Vans, and more (these shoes are for a "boy", however, my daughter also wore some of them). This whole bag is priced to sell now: \$25 for ALL (I also have a few on Yokota Ads for huge, heavy bags of girl clothes & woman's clothes). Please call if you have any questions. We have to downsize now! Please Call 916-473-4488

## Computers 360

Sasebo - computer games for sale. Will MPS anywhere. The games are Windows/Mac compatible and hardly used. The games are Call of Duty World at War, and modern warfare, Warcraft 2, Grand Theft Auto. Need for speed underground, flight simulator game, just to name a few. There are about thirty games in all. Will sell separately or all together. Please call or email for a full list or any questions. DSN 315-252-8131 or call 080-3567-7311 or email jonlessbrandon@gmail.com

Yokosuka, Japan - Apple cinema display 24" monitor - Brand new, original sealed with all accessories complete also comes with 12months international warranty. Email: bryanmolina55@yahoo.com. Call: +447024077572

## Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - Dell Inspiron mini laptop excellent condition only used once. 1GB memory and 160GB hard drive. Windows XP and Intel Atom Processor asking \$380 if you are interested or you have questions please email lily 481@hotmail.com or call 3145583409

Yokota, Japan - HP 22in Flat screen Monitor Used about 2 months then computer crashed, bought a MAC so I have no use for it now. Asking \$200 Contact ga2222@gmail.com or 080-4058-2674

Yokota, Japan - Sony Vaio Desk Top 1 year old Desk top. Wireless Modem built into screen. Comes with brand new keyboard and mouse 22inch screen with built in web cam. Processor: Genuine Intel CPU T2080@1.73GHZ 1.73GHZ Memory: 3.00 GB RAM System type: 32-bit Operating System Asking \$1000 Please call Cynthia 1-773-634-7758 or email cmfrht28@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - The Sims 2 I have the Sims 2 and 9 expansions packs. I don't play anymore. Asking \$10 each Call 858-368-6866 or email 11dsm@yahoo.com

## Furniture 510

Yokosuka-Toddler bed set "Thomas the Train" with reusable wall stickers. New still in original packaging. \$45. Jaken 0246-8466 or tweetyd03@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 4 drawer cherry dresser perfect for a little extra space in great shape. A few small nicks but looks great. Asking \$75 Call Jill Piparo 916-473-1382

Yokota, Japan - Leather sectional couch must go! Leather Couch needs to go before more. Asking price is flexible as long as you can transport it out of lower unit. Each piece can fit in the back of an empty van. Three pieces, great quality. Asking \$150 OBO Call 323-786-7989 or email aceraeina@yahoo.com for more information

Yokota, Japan - Sofa and love seat warning: You could become very lazy. Clean and in good shape I'm going on another PCSing soon, so decided to try and sell them before I leave. If not I'll put in storage. 080-3720-0665-ask for F. Call 080-3720-0665 or email fhwampier@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Toddler Bed Very new, hardly used white toddler bed with mattress. Can deliver anywhere in Yokota. Asking \$60 Please call 080-9837-0640 or email m\_bartlam@yahoo.com

## Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota, Japan - Honeywell Quiet Care 17000 Air Cleaner this is for the unit only. It needs the retail filter \$49.95 sold at the BX and carbon filter. Asking 20 OBO Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

## Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota, Japan - 2 practically new Gibson Air conditioners only used for a few days. Bought from Bxtra for \$88.00 asking \$65 OBO, selling because they are no longer needed willing to deliver free! Thanks a lot. Please call 9164734539 or email theunstated@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Kenmore Freezer Due to PCS'ing, I am selling our chest freezer. This is great for a family. Works great, we use it every day. Asking \$75 OBO email or call Jane at 225-7522

## Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - 4th of July Items /Kitchen items /more downsizing now must sell. Absolutely nothing wrong w/ anything. Most of the items I forgot I had, & never used. My loss, your gain these items are all perfect if you plan on having company over for 4th of July celebrations, or any gatherings/BBQ's in the future. 1) Large bag filled w/ misc. 4th of July items (one is a Flag that waves & plays diff. music), flickering candle-can be used as nightlight too, Hallmark ornaments, Halloween decor (not scary), Window clings that say "happy birthday", & much, much more. Whole bag-\$100. 2) huge, heavy bag filled w/ misc. kitchen items-most are still brand new-this would be perfect for this weekend-to many items to list-name brands too. Huge bag. \$35 please call Angela 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Really nice full/Queen bedding set must sell now! No reasonable offer refused. This set is really nice, no bold/wild prints or anything. It has soft, natural, neutral colors (browns, light browns, accent light blue). Can match just about any decor I took everything to the cleaners!! Everything you need for bedding set, & plenty of extras. I paid about \$600 for this set. I was hoping to get \$160 (willing to accept payments if you need be), or best offer. It's all sitting here, in org. bags, ready to go. Please call if you'd like to see it all in person. There is a lot! So sorry, I do not have pictures as everything is in the bags now, ready to go. This really is a nice set. Must go now please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Small / Medium size Sewing Box & MORE Small to Medium Size Sewing Box. The base is purple in color w/ a clear lid. Inside, there is a magnetic place to hold needles, storage on side. You can lift that area up for more storage underneath. There's also an area to hold plenty of thread-this also lifts up for tons of storage underneath. Asking \$5.00 if not more, please leave a message. Thank you p.s. if you do other craft products, I have a craft cut as well, etc. shape-\$10 (this is also great for scrapbooking, cutting paper/pictures, ETC). Price to go now please Angela 916-473-4488

## Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Toy box 3 1/2ft by 3ft plastic toy chest. Tan with blue top (removable) \$30. Also I have PS1 Wii games and stuff I have a good old fashion PS1 with all kind as games controller. Asking \$100 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

## Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - 37" LCD TV & Bose System Package First off this is a great deal. We're selling for about half off of what we paid. 37" RCA LCD TV SRS, sound Great condition about a year old. We bought in the states for \$800 Bose 2 speaker & Subwoofer Bought at the BX for \$500, 720-257-6786 or skip52@hotmail.com \$700 OBO for both or \$350 a piece

Yokota, Japan - 37" RCA LCD TV w/ HDMI input updated we're looking for maybe a 42" or 47" inch TV. I think we've had this one for a little over a year. Nothing wrong with it, the TV's been great for us just looking to get something bigger I don't have the model number right now, but if you email me I'll get it. Please send emails to skip52@hotmail.com we'll sell to the highest bid we receive. Right now the offer is at \$280

Yokota, Japan - DS games and Xbox 360 game. I have a Ninjabros game. Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles Nickelodeon Danny Phantom Urban Jungle Xbox 360 game \$15.00 Cars Mater National Championship Call 407-373-1327 or email kristihlane@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Nintendo Wii, N64 Signed by Jared The Subway Guy Nintendo Wii, brand new in box. Box autographed by Jared Fogel (aka The Subway Guy). Items in box have been inventoried Comes with Wii Sports \$225 OBO Also for sale! Nintendo Wii Fit - New in Box \$75 will sell both together for \$290 you can also call 229-375-5570

Yokota, Japan - Play station 2. It comes with everything and it works great. Asking \$50 if you are interested in buying it, please give me a call 080-3730-8811 Ask for Star or email hewianawife80@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Sony 29" TV (Japanese) - works perfectly fine. Selling because we are buying a newer TV. Stand available (for free) if you need one asking \$75 OBO Call 225-7917

Yokota, Japan - Xbox 360 games wanted. I want to buy: left 4 dead \$30 halo 3 \$30 dead space \$25 halo 1 \$10 halo 2 \$10 all games must be a good condition please, no scratches, soda stains. I would like to have the org. cases also, don't really care about the booklets. Call 314-558-3431 or email md\_carey@hotmail.com

Zama - Two Symphonic color televisions 27" for \$75 and 19" for \$50. Email ed\_major@hotmail.com

## Jewelry 610

Yokota, Japan - Sterling Twisted Sterling Silver bracelet and earring with sky blue Cats Eye beads. Bracelet is designed with Sterling memory threads so it contours to the shape of your wrist. Originally bought for \$49.99 but I outgrew the dress I use to wear it with. Asking \$25 Please call Sarah 903-386-0550

## Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - Ovaton acoustic/electric guitar w/Ovation Hard case Ovation Pinnacle model: CU-147 w/Ovation hard case 6-String Acoustic/Electric Body Type: Mid-Depth Cutaway Top: AA Grade Solid Silka Spruce Bracing: A-Brace Scale Length: Scale 25 1/4 Fret board: Dark Rosewood Fret Inlay: Abalone Dot Inlays Bridge: Walnut Rosette: Abalone Pickup: Ovaton Thin Line Nut width: 1 11/16 Machines: Gold with Pearl Buttons Great guitar would like to purchase another electric. Asking \$450 Call 090-8054-5806 or email steelcity75@hotmail.com

## PCS Sale 780

Yokota, Japan - PCS SALE - Multiple house items for sale. Includes: Gold with Pearl Buttons Great guitar would like to purchase another electric. Asking \$450 Call 090-8054-5806 or email steelcity75@hotmail.com

## Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - 10 Month old kitty needs love my husband is going on Deployment and I don't have a lot of time to give to our cat. She is up to date on shots and has been fixed and microchipped Comes with a bunch of toys, cat condo, scratch in post, bed, litter box, plenty of food and treats please email ms\_lulu84@yahoo.com we have plenty of pictures

Yokota, Japan - 2 Ferrets brother and sister they have their shot records. They come with cage food litter and lots of other stuff. They are fixed and dissented. They range from 180-300 each off post. We need to get rid of them due to friends kids are allergic. Call Jon or Deb at 267-6601 or 090-8560-0442 asking \$200

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# Injury-time goal averts U.S. loss in Gold Cup group

By HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The United States had just two minutes left to avoid its first loss in CONCACAF Gold Cup group play.

Haiti was heading for its first victory over an American team since May 1969.

Then Stuart Holden stepped up.

The Houston Dynamo midfielder sent a 25-foot shot past goalkeeper Jean Dominique Zephirin into the upper right corner in the first minute of second-half injury time, giving the United States a 2-2 tie Saturday night in its final first-round game.

"We were pushing the whole second half," said Holden, who also assisted on Davy Arnaud's goal in the sixth minute. "We kept knocking on the door and the chance fell to me."

The Americans, seeking their third straight title in the championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean, finished first in Group B and will play Jamaica or the third-place team in Group C next Saturday in Philadelphia. The United States (2-0-1), which had clinched advancement, improved to 23-0-2 in Gold Cup group play.

The United States once again started a young lineup, with goalkeeper Luis Robles and midfielders Sam Cronin and Colin Clark making their first international appearances. So did defender Jay Heaps, 32, a member of the New England Revolution and veteran of 301 MLS games.

Six of the starting 11 made their first national team starts, with those four joined



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

**The United States' Stuart Holden (10) is congratulated by teammates Davy Arnaud and Brad Evans, right, after Holden scored during extra time of the second half to tie Haiti 2-2 in a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match in Foxborough, Mass., on Saturday.**

by forward Arnaud and defender Brad Evans.

"The experience of today will be something that they can draw from" the rest of the tournament, U.S. coach Bob Bradley said. "You use these three games to gain experience. You use these three games to get confident. We use some of the things

that happened today as reminders."

Haiti (1-1-1) finished third in the group round and also advanced. The top two of the three third-place teams move on.

Haiti had taken the lead with goals in the first four minutes of the second half by Sirin Vaniel and Mones Chery.

"What an irony," Haiti coach Jairo Rios

said. "The poorest country in the world against what could be considered the superpower of the world and they [the Haitians] could be able to hold themselves on the field, demonstrating the real passion for the game from the players."

Holden set up the first goal with a short pass to Arnaud, who gathered it in at the top of the penalty area, to the left of defender Frantz Bertin. Arnaud then rolled a soft shot with his left foot to the right of Zephirin, who came out of the net to try to cut down the angle.

"Goals give anybody confidence," said Arnaud, who plays for the Kansas City Wizards. "It was a good start, but more importantly, I'm part of the group now."

The United States controlled play for the first 40 minutes before Haiti became more aggressive.

In the first minute of the second half, Leonel Saint Preaux sent a crossing pass from near the right corner that soared over the outstretched right hand of Robles. Vaniel got to it before it hit the ground and headed it into the net.

A poor judgment play by Robles led to the next goal. He left his net to try to get to a ball to his left. Before he reached it, the ball was passed out to Chery.

Robles raced back to get in position, but Chery sent a 25-foot shot into the upper left corner as the goalkeeper was running in that direction.

"When you begin the tournament, the goal is to win your group and advance," Bradley said. "So the first thing that we said after the game is, 'We've accomplished that goal.'"

## MLS roundup

# Reis makes 11 saves in 4th shutout of year

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Matt Reis made a career-high 11 saves en route to his fourth shutout of the season and the New England Revolution earned a 0-0 tie with the Kansas City Wizards on Saturday.

The Revolution (4-5-5) nearly scored in the first minute when Kenny Mansally took Kheli Dube's pass and fired it on goal, but Kevin Hartman made a diving save. The Wizards are 5-6-5.

**Crew 0, Fire 0:** William Hesmer made a career-high 11 saves to help visiting Columbus to a scoreless draw.

The goalkeeper's performance for the Crew (5-3-9) came one week after he had 10 saves in a 1-all tie against D.C. United. In his third game back from knee and back injuries that forced him to miss nine contests, Hesmer came one save shy of equaling the Crew record.

**Sounders 2, Dynamo 1:** Defender Patrick Ianni scored on a bicycle kick during the first minute of the second half, and host Seattle rallied for a victory over MLS-leading Houston.

Ianni's winning goal was his first of the season for Seattle (7-3-7). Fredy Montero extended his goal streak to five games for the Sounders.

Brad Davis' third goal of the season gave the Dynamo (9-4-4) the lead in the 12th minute.

**Rapids 1, FC Dallas 0:** Kosuke Kimura scored in the 79th minute to lift host Colorado.

Kimura's second goal of the year helped end a three-game winless streak for Colorado (6-4-6). He took a pass from Mehdi Ballouchy just outside the crease and sent the ball over goalkeeper Ray Burse's left shoulder.

FC Dallas (4-8-4) fell to 1-5-2 away from home after being 2-0-1 overall in its previous three games.

**Toronto FC 3, Earthquakes 1:** Chad Barrett had two goals and assisted on the go-ahead score for visiting Toronto FC.

Barrett, who had two goals and two assists in Toronto's first 16 matches, scored in the fifth and 69th minutes as Toronto FC (7-6-4) climbed above .500. Pablo Vitti also scored as Toronto matched a season high for goals.

Darren Huckerby returned from a one-game injury absence to score for the Earthquakes (3-9-4).

**Galaxy 1, Chivas USA 0:** Edson Buddle scored in the first half and host Los Angeles made that hold up.

Midfielder David Beckham, back with the Galaxy after a five-month loan to Italy's AC Milan, watched from a suite. He'll practice with the Galaxy on Monday and be available for Thursday's league game at New York.

Los Angeles (4-3-9) won its season-high third straight game.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

**The Los Angeles Galaxy's Omar Gonzalez, left, and Chivas USA's Atiba Harris battle for the ball during the first half of their Major League Soccer match Saturday in Carson, Calif.**



## Auto racing roundup

## Franchitti takes back points lead with victory

*The Associated Press*

TORONTO — Dario Franchitti won the Honda Indy on the street course in Toronto on Sunday, easily holding off Penske drivers Ryan Briscoe and Will Power on a late restart for his third victory of the season.

It was the first race in Toronto for the IndyCar Series. Starting from the pole, Franchitti was lucky and good in winning his third race of the season and regaining the series points lead over Chip Ganassi teammate Scott Dixon.

Franchitti is seeking his second series championship in three years after racing last season in NASCAR's Sprint Cup series. Penske and Ganassi drivers have won 16 of 18 races dating to last season.

Dixon was fourth, followed by Dale Coyne Racing driver Justin Wilson, who won a week ago at Watkins Glen. Briscoe was second for the fifth time in six races.

Canadian drivers Paul Tracy and Alex Tagliani, seeking full-time rides, did well for themselves before late accidents spoiled their days. Tracy collided with Helio Castroneves with 20 laps remaining in the 85-lap race and both cars, running in the top three at the time, had to retire.

Tagliani, who led briefly, was involved in a three-car collision with 10 laps left and finished ninth.

Franchitti easily took the lead at the start and led the first 23 laps as chaos erupted behind him on the tricky 11-turn, 1.75-mile course. It is bumpy and treacherous because it's patched sections of concrete become slicker and slicker with each lap.

Three drivers found early trouble. Power, Briscoe and Graham Rahal were involved in collisions on the first lap, allowing Tagliani to slide from fifth to second. Power was starting on the front row in just his fourth race of the season.

Briscoe, Power and Rahal pitted for tires, and Rahal replaced the nose of his No. 02 Newman/Haas/Lanigan Honda.

Franchitti's first pit stop was slow when a tire changer stripped a rear lug nut, dropping him deep in the field. But he caught a huge break when he was allowed to pit under caution while running in the top five on lap 58 because he was committed to the stop. Franchitti also was allowed to resume his spot on the grid just ahead of Tracy, who had made his final stop. Tagliani then gave up the lead to pit during the caution, giving the top spot to Castroneves, but with fresher tires Franchitti quickly moved back to the lead.

**Formula One:** At Nuerburgring, Germany, Red Bull's Mark Webber won his first Formula One race Sunday after overcoming a penalty to take the German Grand Prix.

The Australian beat teammate Sebastian Vettel by 9.2 seconds despite a drive-through penalty for bumping Brawn GP's Rubens Barrichello out of the start while defending his pole position.

Webber's euphoric screams were heard over the team radio after he crossed the finish line in his 132nd race. It was the second consecutive 1-2 for the Austrian team and third overall after nine races.

Felipe Massa gave Ferrari its first podium finish of the season by coming in third ahead of Nico Rosberg of Williams. F1 leader Jenson Button of Brawn GP finished fifth to increase his total to 68 points. Vettel moved into second with 47 points. Webber is third with 45½ points.



TIM STEWART/AP

Mark Martin leads the field into turn one on the final restart of the LifeLock.com 400 at Chicagoland Speedway on Saturday. In close pursuit are Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne, Jeff Gordon, Denny Hamlin and Jimmie Johnson.

## NASCAR Sprint Cup

## Martin making it look easy

Restart with two laps to go helps 50-year-old secure his series-high fourth victory

BY DAN GELSTON

*The Associated Press*

JOLIET, Ill. — Mark Martin will feel his age in the morning or a day or two after a race.

His bones will stiffen and his body will ache after driving 400 grueling miles, even though the fitness fanatic is in top shape. After all, 50 is 50 and that matters — well, everywhere but on the track.

Martin is still nifty at 50 and has made Cup racing his personal senior circuit. He won at Chicagoland Speedway, getting a strong jump off the double-file restart with two laps left to win his series-high fourth race of the season.

"I'm going to feel like hell tomorrow because I ain't going to sleep much tonight," Martin said on Saturday night. "When I'm pumped up driving fast race cars, I certainly don't feel 50."

He's far from the sunset of his career and proved it under the lights on the 1.5-mile track.

Martin dominated the race early and led 195 laps, easily the most of the 400-mile race. He was in so much control of his car, he radioed his crew to say, "this is easy."

But he dropped the lead to Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson with just over 40 laps left. Then a frantic finish that saw Johnson and Kurt Busch tangle on the track allowed Martin his chance to regain the lead and hold on.

"I don't know how we have one, much less four," Martin said.

Jeff Gordon's hard-charging finish got him second place. He made a late pit stop for four fresh tires which helped him quickly make up ground and earn his third runner-up finish in the past five races.

Martin and Gordon are Hendrick teammates and earned a \$1 million prize for a Colorado family. The teammates also grabbed the top two spots in the LifeLock sponsored race in June, setting up the fan's shot at the big cash prize.

"I saw Jeff coming and I was like, 'Get it, get it,'" Martin said. "I wanted him to get it. This is really, really special. Incredible



NAM Y. HUN/AP

Mark Martin revels in the moment after winning the NASCAR LifeLock.com 400 at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., on Saturday night.

what everybody does for us."

Not only that, they gave team owner Rick Hendrick a nice early birthday present. Hendrick turns 60 on Sunday.

"It's a slightly early birthday present," Martin said just a few ticks before midnight eastern.

Martin might still be racing and winning at 60, showing no signs in the No. 5 Chevrolet of slowing down.

Not so for Kyle Busch.

Busch had a dreadful night, and was unruly on the radio as his No. 18 car was on the track and finished 33rd. He complained all race about his car to his crew and fell to 10th in the driver standings.

"I got nothing," Busch said over the radio. "I don't care what you do. It's junk." Kyle Busch had shared the series lead for victory (three) with Martin.

While Busch sank, Martin soared. He went from 13th to 11th to propel himself into contention for a spot in the Chase for the championship.

Martin has insisted all season he wasn't

racing for points. His move to Hendrick rejuvenated him and gave the best driver to never win a Cup championship perhaps the best ride of his career.

Martin, who was series runner-up four times, might have to start thinking championship over the season's final 10 races if he can stay inside the top 12.

"I leave the track in my mind 13th and that's fine with me," Martin said. "I'm not going to let myself get sucked into that. I may change my mind later, but I'm leaving the track at the same position I was last week."

Kasey Kahne was third. Points leader Tony Stewart and Denny Hamlin rounded out the top five.

Martin Truex Jr. finished 16th, but the No. 1 Chevrolet is headed back to research and development because the right rear was high.

Hamlin briefly took the lead late when he pushed past Johnson off a restart. Johnson got loose and bumped into Busch. Busch slammed back in Johnson's No. 48 Chevy, sparking chaos and some ill feelings.

"Everyone was going for a win right there," Hamlin said. "(Johnson's) had his fair share."

Just not at Chicagoland.

Johnson, who let the checkered flag slip away in the final laps last year, is still searching for his first career victory at the track just outside Chicago. He told his crew before the race he owed them a victory.

Busch and Johnson picked up where they left off after they also ran into each other three races back at Sonoma. Busch finished 17th on Saturday night and criticized Johnson's performance on the track.

"I am starting to lose faith in his ability as a three-time champion," Busch said.

Johnson accused Busch of "bodyslamming" him on the track.

Greg Biffle fell out of the top 12 in the points standings and Kahne moved from 12th to eighth.

They were all looking up at Martin at the end. "That's what life's all about right there," he said.









MEL EVANS/AP

Cristie Kerr tees off on the second hole Saturday during the third round of the U.S. Women's Open in Bethlehem, Pa.

## Golf roundup

# Kerr up 2 strokes in Women's Open

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Cristie Kerr is feeling a sense of calm only a former U.S. Women's Open champion could understand.

Armed with the knowledge of what it takes to win the championship, the 2007 winner is set to make a push for another title.

Kerr scrambled for a 1-over 72 Saturday and pulled away from struggling playing partner Paula Creamer and built a two-shot lead over Eun Hee Ji of South Korea after three rounds of the Women's Open.

Kerr was the only player with a sub-par score — 2-under 211 — after three rounds on the narrow fairways and speedy, undulating greens of Saucon Valley Country Club.

Now, Kerr, who won at Pine Needles in '07, is in a position to claim her second title in three years. She's looking forward to the fourth-round challenge and playing in the lead.

"There really isn't a better place for me," the 12-time LPGA Tour winner said after two birdies and three bogeys. "I love this golf course."

"I feel good. I'm sure there's going to be some nerves in the morning. But I've been there. I know I can handle it."

Futures Tour player Jean Reynolds is an unlikely challenger for the title despite two victories on the developmental tour this year.

The 24-year-old from Georgia started two strokes back and was one off the lead before stumbling down the stretch. She closed with a bogey at the 15th and back-to-back bogeys at 17 and 18 on the way to a 3-over 74. She's tied for third at 2-over 215 with Teresa Lu of Taiwan, who had a 1-under 70.

South Korea's In-Kyung Kim (72) and Hee Young Park (72), and Taiwan's Candie Kung (3-under 68) are tied for fifth at 3-over 216. Brittany Lincicome had a 2-over 73, Suzann Pettersen had a 1-over 72 and Kyeong Bae of South Korea had a 2-under 69 and are tied for eighth at 4-over 217.

**PGA Tour:** At Silvis, Ill., Steve Stricker has vaulted into second

place at the John Deere Classic, tying a course record and matching the lowest score of his career with a 10-under 61 that left him three strokes behind Darron Stiles through two rounds.

Stiles (65), the first-round co-leader with Lee Janzen, remained on top at 13-under 129. Stricker, however, stole the show on a sunny day at TPC Deere Run.

The Wisconsin native and Illinois alum had plenty of support from the crowd as he assaulted a course that was battered the previous day by the second big rain storm of the week, causing the second round to be pushed back. By the time he was through, he was at 10 under for the tournament after matching a record set by 2002 champion J.P. Hayes.

**Champions Tour:** At Blaine, Minn., Nick Price birdied the final hole as part of a 4-under 68, and has a one-shot lead after the second round of the Champions Tour's 3M Championship.

Price, who won the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am in April, barely missed his 45-foot eagle try before tapping in and moving to 11-under 133.

Gene Jones (68) and Andy Bean (69), a co-leader with Price after round one, both parred the final hole and are tied for second. The trio will be grouped together again for Sunday's final round.

Bernhard Langer (68) is two shots back, and Scott Hoch (69) and Tom Kite (67) trail by three strokes.

**PGA European Tour:** At Luss, Scotland, Martin Kaymer won the Scottish Open, closing with a 2-under 69 in the rain and sunshine at Loch Lomond for his second straight European Tour victory.

Kaymer broke out of a three-way tie as he approached the turn Sunday, then stretched his lead to as many as three shots. He wound up two shots clear of Raphael Jacquelin and Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano.

Fernandez-Castano, the 54-hole leader, didn't make enough birdies and closed with a 72. Retief Goosen, who also had a share of the lead Sunday, made too many mistakes and shot 73.

## Tour de France

# Fedrigio wins 9th stage

## Armstrong in third as race leaves Pyrenees

By JAMEY KEATEN  
The Associated Press

TARBES, France — Lance Armstrong stayed in third place at the Tour de France on Sunday after a deliberate ride on the last day in the Pyrenees.

Pierrick Fedrigio of France sped past a lone rival in a break-away to win the mountainous ninth stage. Rinaldo Nocentini of Italy held the yellow jersey for a third straight day. He is followed in the overall standings by Astana teammates Alberto Contador and Armstrong.

"Today was pretty controlled, I thought, although it's never easy," Armstrong said. "It was very hot; the tempo was pretty regular."

Nocentini is six seconds ahead of Contador, the 2007 champion. Armstrong, the seven-time champion, is eight seconds behind.

"We (Astana) just sat there and kind of rode our race," Armstrong said.

Levi Leipheimer of the United States follows Armstrong in the standings, 39 seconds behind Nocentini, giving Astana the second, third and fourth spots.

Among other favorites, Christian Vande Velde of the U.S. is eighth, 1:24 behind; Andy Schleck of Luxembourg is 1:49 back in ninth; defending Tour champion Carlos Sastre of Spain is 2:52 back in 16th; and Cadel Evans of Australia is 3:07 back in 18th place.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

**Stage winner Pierrick Fedrigio of France, right, and Franco Pellizotti of Italy, left, climb towards Tourmalet pass Sunday during the ninth stage of the Tour de France a 100-mile route which started in Saint-Gaudens and finished in Tarbes, France.**

Sunday's 100-mile stage from Saint-Gaudens to Tarbes took riders up two tough climbs, including the Tourmalet pass, and through the Roman Catholic shrine town of Lourdes.

Fedrigio, a 30-year-old rider who won a Tour stage in 2006, and Pellizotti finished in 4 hours, 5 minutes, 31 seconds. The pack was 34 seconds behind.

### Stage 9

Sunday

**At Tarbes, France**  
**99.7-mile high mountain stage from Saint-Gaudens to Tarbes**

1. Pierrick Fedrigio, France, Bbox Bouygues Telecom, 4 hours, 5 minutes, 31 seconds.

2. Franco Pellizotti, Italy, Liquigas, same time.

3. Oscar Freire, Spain, Rabobank, 34 seconds behind.

4. Serguei Ivanov, Russia, Team Katusha, same time.

5. Peter Velits, Slovakia, Team Milram, same time.

6. Jose Joaquin Rojas, Spain, Caisse d'Epargne, same time.

**Also**  
16. George Hincapie, United States, Team Columbia-HTC, same time.

30. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.

39. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Astana, same time.

43. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, same time.

109. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 18:48.

154. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 24:57.

170. Danny Pate, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.

**Overall Standings (After nine stages)**

1. Rinaldo Nocentini, Italy, AG2R-La Mondiale, 34:24:21.

2. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, :06.

3. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, :08.

4. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Astana, :39.

5. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Garmin-Slipstream, :46.

6. Andreas Kloeeden, Germany, Astana, :54.

**Also**  
8. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 1:24.

28. George Hincapie, United States, Team Columbia-HTC, 5:25.

69. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 29:50.

164. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 1:26:32.

167. Danny Pate, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 1:29:42.

## U.S. Women's Open notebook

# Futures Tour golfer Reynolds eager to challenge for a title

By BOB LENTZ

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Not that long ago, Jean Reynolds grew tired of golf. Now, she's looking forward to the pressure of the back nine in the final round of the U.S. Women's Open.

How times have changed.

A two-time winner this season on the Futures Tour — and its leading money winner — Reynolds will be playing in the next-to-last group in the final round of the Open following a third-round 3-over 74 left her tied for third with Teresa Lu.

They are four strokes behind leader Cristie Kerr.

Reynolds is an unlikely challenger for the title, considering this is only her second Women's Open and she's a member of the LPGA's developmental tour.

The 24-year-old stepped away from the game for more than a year after her freshman season at the University of Georgia. She admits that the lure of the college

life was more attractive than the golf grind.

Now, she craves competition and will likely get all she can handle in Sunday's final round.

"There's just different roads to get here," she said. "I mean you don't have to spend four years of grueling practice and grueling over putts to end up here."

"I took a year and a half off of competitive golf, and you kind of come out with a desire to win again, and that was kind of, for me, why I'm back into it."

"I just missed competition. But as far as not having that college experience or any of that, I don't think that's held me back at all."

Reynolds has won Futures Tour events in Florida and Indiana and has earned \$63,650 in 10 stops.

**Memories:** The 2009 Women's Open will be remembered for a lot of things, such as the headline-stealing news of a faction of key LPGA Tour players calling for commissioner Carolyn Bivens to resign, and a resurgence of American players, who held the

top three spots after two rounds.

But this championship also matched a record for the number of withdrawals.

Nine players bowed out of the competition, matching 1972's total. Five players withdrew on Thursday and four Friday.

Last year's runner-up, Helen Alfredsson (rib injury), 2006 runner-up Pat Hurst (rib injury), Minea Blomqvist of Finland (illness) and Jin Joo Hong of South Korea (no reason given) withdrew Friday. They joined Brandi Burton, Martina Eberl of Germany, and Jee Young Lee, Seon Hwa Lee and Naree Song of South Korea.

**Soaring:** The USGA shortened the length of a number of holes and was generous with a few pin placements. The result was just one eagle — the third of the championship — on Saturday.

Sun Young Yoo of South Korea had an eagle at the par-4 13th.

Christina Kim and Jennie Lee posted eagles in the second round.



**Brewers 6, Dodgers 3**

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# Make room at the top

## Beckett three-hits Royals to join teammate Wakefield at 11 wins

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Josh Beckett capped a brilliant first half of the season with a three-hitter, joining teammate Tim Wakefield as the only 11-game winners in the American League and helping the Boston Red Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 6-0 on Sunday.

Beckett (11-3) retired the first nine batters, five on strikeouts, and picked up his 100th career victory. It was his second shutout and second complete game of the season, following his 3-0 victory over Atlanta on June 20.

He finished with seven strikeouts and no walks and threw just 94 pitches. It was a fitting end to a stretch in which he went 9-1 with a 2.14 ERA after struggling at 2-2 with a 7.22 ERA through April.

Beckett allowed a ground-ball double down the right-field line to David DeJesus leading off the fourth and singles by Mitch Maier and Mark Teahen in the seventh.

Rookie Aaron Bates, called up last Monday, went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI, and stabbed a line drive by Brayan Pena for the second out of the fifth.

Bruce Chen (0-4) and five Roy-

als relievers walked nine batters.

Boston scored a run in the first on Kevin Youkilis' RBI single, and three in the fourth on Bates' run-scoring double, David Ortiz's grounder and Jason Varitek's bases-loaded walk.

The fifth run came across in the fifth when Nick Green walked, took third on Bates' single and scored on Jacoby Ellsbury's double-play grounder. Rocco Baldelli doubled in the final run in the eighth.

Beckett and Wakefield, also 11-3, will represent the Red Sox along with closer Jonathan Papelbon, left fielder Jason Bay and Youkilis in the All-Star game Tuesday in St. Louis. AL starting second baseman Dustin Pedroia withdrew Sunday to be with his wife, who has had complications with her pregnancy.

The Red Sox (54-34) have won four of five and have held at least a share of first place in the AL East since June 9. Kansas City has lost four of five, including a 1-0 loss to Boston on Friday, to fall 14 games below .500.

Beckett allowed two runs or fewer for the ninth time in 11 starts and is 6-0 in nine home



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

**Boston's Josh Beckett got the first nine Kansas City batters, five on strikeouts, for his 11th victory this year and 100th of his career.**

starts.

In Saturday's game:

**Red Sox 15, Royals 9:** John Smoltz got his first victory for Boston and Kevin Youkilis hit two homers. Smoltz (1-2) struck out seven in five innings, allowing one run and four hits. He struck out four in a row over the second and third innings, capped by called third strikes that painted the corner on Miguel Olivo and Tony Pena.

Coming off shoulder surgery

that cut his 2008 season to six appearances, Smoltz, 42, didn't make his first start until June 25 against Washington. He struggled with an 0-2 record and 6.60 ERA in three previous appearances.

Gil Meche (4-9) left with two outs in the fourth inning with back spasms after he had allowed seven runs. Jason Varitek and David Ortiz also homered for Boston, the latter Big Papi's 1,000th hit. Youkilis drove in four runs and scored four.

# Cabrera keys A's rally vs. Tampa

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Orlando Cabrera hit a tiebreaking RBI single in Oakland's four-run seventh, helping the Athletics to a 7-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.

Kurt Suzuki and pinch-hitter Jack Cust each singled in runs and Mark Ellis drove in Landon Powell with a groundout to set up Cabrera's hit off Chad Bradford.

Suzuki and Ryan Sweeney tacked on RBI singles in the eighth and Ellis homered in the ninth to make it 7-3.

Oakland starter Brett Anderson left after four scoreless innings. There was no immediate word on why he departed. The left-hander, coming off a two-hit, 6-0 victory over Boston on Monday, gave up three hits.

Michael Wuertz (5-1) got the victory despite allowing a run and three hits in 1 1/3 innings. Andrew Bailey got six outs for his 10th save.

Rays right-hander James Shields took a shutout into the seventh, but wound up allowing three runs and six hits over 6 1/3 innings. Tampa Bay lost its second straight at home after winning nine straight.

Tampa Bay took a 3-0 lead in the sixth on a two-run double by Pat Burrell and an RBI single by Jason Bartlett off Wuertz.

Dan Wheeler (3-2), who followed Shields, was charged with one run while recording one out.

Oakland threatened in the first, but Cabrera was thrown out by right fielder Ben Zobrist trying to score on Matt Holliday's fly ball.

In Saturday's game:

**Athletics 7, Rays 2:** Rajai Davis and Adam Kennedy each hit two-run homers in the seventh inning, and Dallas Braden (7-7) gave up two runs and five hits over six innings in his return from bereavement leave. He struck out six and walked two.

Davis hit a two-run homer off Matt Garza (6-7) and Kennedy added a two-run shot on the only pitch Randy Choate threw to put Oakland ahead 4-2.

Garza allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings as Tampa Bay's nine-game home winning streak ended.

Mark Ellis had a sacrifice fly and Orlando Cabrera drove in two with a double in the eighth that extended the Athletics' advantage to 7-2. Oakland won for just the fifth time in 16 games.

Gabe Kapler gave Tampa Bay a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the second. Ben Zobrist made it 2-0 with a run-scoring single in the sixth.

## AL roundup

# Tigers rout Indians as Verlander dominates

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Clete Thomas drove in five runs and Brandon Inge homered twice as the Detroit Tigers routed the Cleveland Indians 10-1 on Sunday.

All-Star Justin Verlander (10-4) pitched seven shutout innings, allowing five hits and three walks. He struck out eight, giving him 149 for the season.

Thomas, who's replaced Magglio Ordonez in the lineup against right-handers, finished a double short of the cycle. Inge, also headed to Tuesday's All-Star game, homered in the fourth and fifth.

Tomo Ohka (0-3) gave up five runs in 3 2/3 innings as Cleveland lost its 19th in 26 games.

Detroit took a 1-0 lead in the second on Thomas' RBI triple, then put the game away with nine runs over a three-inning stretch.

In the fourth, Thomas hit a three-run homer and Inge followed with his 20th home run of the season to put the Tigers ahead 5-0. The same pair struck again in the fifth, with Thomas hitting

an RBI single and Inge following with a two-run homer.

Detroit added two in the sixth when Marcus Thames singled with the bases loaded and Asdrubal Cabrera misplayed the ball to let the 10th run score.

Cleveland loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh, but Verlander struck out pinch-hitter Jamey Carroll with his 116th and final pitch.

The Indians loaded the bases in the ninth on a double and two walks, and Zach Miner walked Carroll to force in Cleveland's only run of the game.

**Orioles 4, Blue Jays 2:** Brad Bergesen took a shutout into the seventh and Brian Roberts had two RBIs as Baltimore added to Toronto's road woes. Oscar Salazar homered and Roberts also scored a run for the Orioles, who took two of three from Toronto. Baltimore has won six of its past nine series and trails the fourth-place Blue Jays by only three games in the AL East.

Toronto has lost 12 of 15, including eight of 10 on a road trip

through New York, Tampa Bay and Baltimore.

Bergesen (6-3) gave up two runs and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings.

**Twins 13, White Sox 7:** Carlos Gomez drove in a career-high five runs as Minnesota enjoyed an unusually productive afternoon against White Sox ace Mark Buehrle.

Buehrle (9-3) gave up eight runs and 10 hits in 3 1/3 innings, his shortest outing of the season.

Gomez, Brendan Harris and Denard Span homered off Buehrle, who has beaten Minnesota more times than any other opponent. Coming into the game, Buehrle was 23-13 with a 3.72 ERA against the Twins, including a 2-0 mark and 1.35 ERA this season.

Harris and Span each had three RBIs. Gomez finished with three hits and scored three times.

In Saturday's games:

**Angels 14, Yankees 8:** Mike Napoli hit a go-ahead two-run double during a seven-run fifth inning and added a solo homer in the seventh as Los Angeles scored

its second straight come-from-behind victory over New York. The Angels won 10-6 on Friday.

**White Sox 8, Twins 7:** Jim Thome drove in four runs for visiting Chicago, countering two home runs by ex-teammate Joe Crede. Bobby Jenks picked up his 20th save.

**Mariners 4, Rangers 1:** Rob Johnson hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh. His first homer of the season came off Kevin Millwood (8-7), who pitched well for six innings, but couldn't retire any of the three batters he faced in the seventh.

**Indians 5, Tigers 4:** Carl Pavano (8-7) allowed two runs in eight innings and Travis Hafner had two RBIs as visiting Cleveland won for just the seventh time in 25 games.

**Orioles 4, Blue Jays 3 (12):** Melvin Mora ended a 50-game homerless drought with an opposite-field drive in the bottom of the 12th. Mora had gone 189 at-bats without a homer when he connected off Jesse Carlson.



# Grand finish to Phils' homestand

## Grand slam by Feliz all Happ needs vs. Bucs

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pedro Feliz hit a first-inning grand slam, and J.A. Happ allowed one run over seven innings to help the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 on Sunday and cap a dominating homestand.

The Phillies, who won their fifth straight and nine of 10 at home, scored five times in the first off rookie Virgil Vazquez.

Happ (6-0) welcomed the support and handcuffed the Pirates most of the afternoon. The left-hander recorded his fifth straight strong outing, compiling a 2.00 ERA during that span.

Ryan Madson tossed a scoreless eighth inning and J.C. Romero worked the ninth, allowing one run.

Jimmy Rollins began the game with a walk, his 10th of the homestand, and Shane Victorino and Chase Utley followed with singles off Vazquez (1-3).

Ryan Howard plated the first run with a sacrifice fly to deep center. Three batters later, Feliz sent Vazquez's pitch into the first few rows in left field. Philadelphia chased the right-hander, who was making his fourth major-league



TOM MIHALEK/AP

**J.A. Happ allowed one run over seven innings and, with help from Pedro Feliz's grand slam in the first, beat Pittsburgh 5-2 on Sunday.**

start, after Rollins and Victorino reached again with one out in the second.

Feliz's grand slam was the sixth of his career.

Pittsburgh's first run came in the sixth inning, when rookie

Andrew McCutchen singled and scored on All-Star second baseman Freddy Sanchez's double.

The Pirates hit into three double plays, including one in the seventh inning when McCutchen fell for a fake by Rollins and Utley

on a fly to right, and was doubled off first base.

Left-fielder Garrett Jones led off the ninth with his fifth home run, third in three games.

Solid pitching and a resurgent offense contributed to Philadelphia's best homestand since May 31-June 12, 2005, when the Phils went 12-1. Philadelphia (48-38) enters the All-Star break with a comfortable lead over the second-place Florida Marlins in the NL East.

In Saturday's game:

**Phillies 8, Pirates 7:** Ryan Howard tied the game with a three-run homer in the ninth and Paul Bako won it with a bases-loaded single as the Phillies struck for five runs in the inning. Matt Stairs started the comeback with a solo homer leading off.

Tyler Walker (1-0) pitched one scoreless inning of relief.

Garrett Jones, Delwyn Young and Andrew McCutchen homered and drove in two runs for Pittsburgh, which lost for the eighth time in 10 games. Ryan Doumit, playing in his second straight game since returning from a broken wrist, went 2-for-5 with two doubles and an RBI for the Pirates.

Cole Hamels, the 2008 World Series MVP, lasted six innings while allowing five runs and seven hits, all for extra bases. The left-hander has allowed at least seven hits in six of his past seven starts and is 1-3 in that stretch.



BEN MARGOT/AP

**A trainer tends to San Francisco pitcher Matt Cain after he was hit by a line drive in the second inning Saturday against San Diego. Cain suffered a bruise on his right arm and left the game.**

## Cain hurt, but Giants roll by SD

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Not even getting one of their All-Star pitchers knocked out of the game by a line drive was enough to slow the San Francisco Giants.

Matt Cain left after throwing only 35 pitches when struck by a line drive, but was bailed out by five San Francisco relievers, who scattered three hits over the final 7 1/3 innings of the Giants' 2-1 victory over the San Diego Padres on Saturday.

"You don't win a game like that unless your bullpen comes through for you," San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said. "You lose one of your horses in the second inning, that's a big blow for your club. You need your bullpen to step it up and they all did. We needed good pitching from the 'pen and they came through for us."

Justin Miller (2-1), San Francisco's long reliever all season, allowed one hit over 3 1/3 innings, using a changeup to keep the Padres' hitters off balance.

Brandon Medders, Sergio Romo, Jeremy Affeldt and Brian Wilson completed the seven-hitter. Wilson went 1 1/3 innings for his 23rd save.

"The starting staff has taken away innings from us all year in a very positive way, so any time we can go out there and try to perform and pick up the team, we're definitely up to the challenge," Miller said. "It's just an amazing staff to be around. We've got Cy Youngs, we've got 300-game winners, so it's easy to overlook the bullpen. But I think that's what relievers like also, is just to go out there and do our job quietly and get ready for the next game."

Pablo Sandoval's two-run homer, his 15th and second in as many days, provided all the offense the Giants needed.

Cain was hit just above his right elbow by Tim Stauffer's liner with two outs. The ball ricocheted toward the third-base dugout.

## NL roundup

# Zambrano homers to help himself vs. Cards

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Carlos Zambrano pitched six innings and hit his third homer of the season, helping the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-3 on Sunday in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

Micah Hoffpauir hit a three-run homer for the Cubs, who closed within 2 1/2 games of the NL Central-leading Cardinals. Zambrano (5-4) allowed three runs and five hits.

Albert Pujols had a two-run double in four at-bats for the Cardinals, but also committed a two-run error in the seventh.

St. Louis starter Kyle Lohse (4-5), activated from the disabled list before the game, surrendered Ryan Theriot's one-out double in the first and walked Alfonso Soriano before Hoffpauir hit the next pitch for his eighth homer.

St. Louis tied it 3-3, only to have Zambrano hit a solo homer in the fourth to give the Cubs the lead again. Lohse (4-5) gave up four runs and eight hits in five innings.

Zambrano settled down after a slow start, striking out six of the last 10 hitters he faced. He finished with seven strikeouts and two walks.

The Cubs added two runs in the seventh, taking advantage of

two errors. With one out and the bases loaded, second baseman Skip Schumaker made an errant throw to the plate that allowed Soriano to score. Hoffpauir and Milton Bradley came home when Koyie Hill hit a routine grounder that went between Pujols' legs.

**Dodgers 7, Brewers 4:** Orlando Hudson homered twice and Clayton Kershaw won his fifth consecutive road start as Los Angeles capped the best first half in the majors.

Manny Ramirez was 3 for 3 and scored twice to help the Dodgers finish a 6-3 road trip and improve their record to 56-32, the club's best at this point in a season in 32 years.

Backup catcher Brad Ausmus also homered and James Loney had two run-scoring singles.

Hudson, who had been in a 3-for-41 slump, homered in the sixth inning and again in the eighth. The visiting Dodgers continued their power surge, hitting 10 homers during the three-game series after hitting seven in the previous eight games.

**Mets 9, Reds 7:** Gary Sheffield had three RBIs and Daniel Murphy drove in two runs in support of Mike Pelfrey (7-4), who allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings. It was New York's best offensive showing

since scoring 11 runs against St. Louis on June 24.

Brian Schneider led off the seventh with New York's first home run in 80 innings, and pinch-hitter Fernando Tatis followed one out later with a solo shot.

Luis Castillo had three hits and scored three runs, David Wright hit a long RBI double and Jeff Francoeur had two hits in his second game with New York.

**Astros 5, Nationals 0:** Kaz Matsui hit a three-run homer to help Brian Moehler get by Washington. Matsui's shot to the first row of the stands in right came in the seventh inning and gave Houston a 4-0 lead. The Astros won three of four over the last-place Nationals and reached .500 heading into the All-Star break.

It was another solid start by Moehler (6-5), who allowed seven hits in 6 1/3 innings to win for the fourth time in five decisions. Closer Jose Valverde got the last four outs for his eighth save, the 150th of his career.

In Saturday games:

**Mets 4, Reds 0:** Newly acquired Jeff Francoeur had a two-run single in his debut with the New York Mets, providing some rare run support for Johan Santana (10-7), who allowed five hits, struck out five and walked one.

The Reds' Jay Bruce broke his

right wrist trying to make a sliding catch in right and was placed on the disabled list.

**Cubs 5, Cardinals 2:** Ted Lilly allowed four hits and a run in eight innings for his 100th career victory. Lilly (9-6) walked one and struck out four in a 103-pitch outing and left with a 5-1 lead.

**Brewers 6, Dodgers 3:** J.J. Hardy hit a two-out, two-run double in the eighth, and Trevor Hoffman and the Milwaukee bullpen made it stand up. Dodgers starter Jeff Weaver (5-3) took the loss.

**Nationals 13, Astros 2:** Nick Johnson, Josh Willingham and Adam Dunn homered in consecutive at-bats as visiting Washington set season highs for hits (21) and runs. Rookie Craig Stammen (2-4) gave up nine hits in Washington's fourth complete game of the season.

**Diamondbacks 5, Marlins 1:** Justin Upton had three singles and a triple and drove in a run and Jon Garland (5-8) allowed one run in eight innings.

**Braves 4, Rockies 3:** Jair Jurrjens (7-7) pitched six innings and also singled twice, scored a run and drove in one. Colorado's Jason Marquis (11-6) allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings, failing to become the majors' first 12-game winner.

## Sports briefs

# Wife detained in ex-champ Gatti's death

The Associated Press

SAO PAULO — The wife of former boxing champion Arturo Gatti was detained as a suspect by Brazilian authorities Sunday following his death at a posh seaside resort. Police said Amanda Rodrigues, 23, was in custody after contradictions in her interrogation.

Gatti's body was found early Saturday in a hotel room at the Porto de Galinhas resort in northeastern Brazil.

The former junior welterweight champion was apparently strangled with the strap of a purse, which was found at the scene with blood stains, said Milena Saraiva, a spokeswoman for the Pernambuco state civil police. She told the AP that the Canadian also had a head injury.

The investigation was not complete, but Saraiva said authorities were preparing to lodge a formal accusation against Rodrigues, who denied being involved in her husband's death. Police said Rodrigues, a Brazilian, could not explain how she spent nearly 10 hours in the room without noticing Gatti was dead.

Police were investigating witness reports that the couple fought and Gatti was drunk when he returned to his room Friday night, Saraiva said, adding that police were told the two were extremely jealous of each other and that Gatti constantly complained of the way she dressed when she traveled to Brazil.

Acelino "Popo" Freitas, a four-time world champion Brazilian boxer, told Globo TV's Web site Saturday that he was a close friend of Gatti and his wife and that he "knew they were having some sort of problem and were about to separate." The couple's 1-year-old son, who was unhurt, was with Rodrigues' sister, Saraiva said.

Gatti, 37, whose epic trilogy with Mickey Ward branded him one of the most exciting fighters of his generation, retired in 2007 with a 40-9 record and 31 knockouts. Known for his straight-forward punching and tough chin, Gatti captured the junior welterweight title in 1995 when he defeated Tracy Harris Patterson in Atlantic City, N.J.

Also: ■ Joseph Agbeko retained his International Boxing Federation bantamweight



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

**Arturo Gatti, 37, former junior welterweight boxing champion, was found dead in a hotel room at a seaside resort in northeastern Brazil on Saturday.**

title with a unanimous decision over Vic Darchinyan at Sunrise, Fla., on Saturday night. Two judges scored it 114-113 and the third had it 116-11.

■ Tomasz Adamek defended his International Boxing Federation cruiserweight world championship Saturday night with a fourth-round TKO of Bobby Gunn at Newark, N.J.

■ Simphiwe Vetyeka of South Africa won the vacant IBO bantamweight title, beating Eric Barcelona of the Philippines by unanimous decision Saturday at Johannesburg. The judges scored it 118-114, 118-110 and 117-111.

■ Felix Sturm retained his WBA middleweight title by beating Khoren Gevorg in a unanimous decision Saturday at Berlin. The judges scored the bout 115-113, 115-113, 117-111.

## U.S. blanks Japan in baseball

MATSUYAMA, Japan — Gerrit Cole struck out nine in seven innings Sunday to lead the United States to a 3-0 victory over Japan in the opener of the U.S.-Japan collegiate championships.

Cole, who attends UCLA, allowed only two hits and one walk. Vanderbilt's Sonny Gray and Chad Bettis of Texas Tech

finished the shutout.

Team USA took a 2-0 lead in the fourth. Christian Colon of Cal State Fullerton tripled to right field, scoring Florida State's Tyler Holt, and Matt Newman of Arizona State brought Colon home with a single to left. Andy Wilkins of Arkansas added a run in the top of the ninth with a single to left. Game 2 of the five-game series is Monday at Tokyo Dome.

## Hoffman, Duke, Pena are All-Stars

ST. LOUIS — Trevor Hoffman was supposed to take his sons fishing. Instead, they're all headed back to the All-Star Game. The career saves leader was a late addition to the National League squad, joining Pittsburgh pitcher Zach Duke and Tampa Bay first baseman Carlos Pena as players picked Sunday to replace All-Stars unable to participate Tuesday night.

Hoffman, in his first season with the Milwaukee Brewers, will substitute for Los Angeles Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton, who has an injured toe.

Duke replaces San Francisco starter Matt Cain, who took a line drive off his right arm Saturday night.

Pena takes the AL roster spot of Boston second baseman Dustin Pedroia, elected by fans to start. His wife, Kelli, is seven months pregnant and has been in the hospital since Monday with complications.

American League manager Joe Maddon of the Tampa Bay Rays said Toronto's Aaron Hill will start at second in place of Pedroia.

Also:

■ San Diego Padres slugger Adrian Gonzalez has extra incentive to do well in the Home Run Derby on Monday. Gonzalez and his wife, Betsy, will donate \$200 to needy children for each homer he hits at Busch Stadium — and the Padres will match that total.

## Croatia ousts U.S. from Davis Cup

POREC, Croatia — Croatia eliminated the United States from the Davis Cup when Marin Cilic beat James Blake for an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the quarterfinals.

Cilic won 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 on indoor clay to give Croatia its first semifinal

berth since winning the competition in 2005. Croatia won 3-2 after American doubles specialist Bob Bryan beat Roko Karanusic 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (4) in a meaningless final match.

Croatia took a 2-0 lead when Ivo Karlovic rallied to beat Blake and Cilic outlasted Mardy Fish in five sets in Friday's singles. Bob and Mike Bryan beat Croatian duo Roko Karanusic and Lovro Zovko in Saturday's doubles.

## Mavericks re-sign Kidd

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks re-signed nine-time NBA All-Star Jason Kidd to a three-year contract worth more than \$25 million. Kidd, 37, could finish his career where it started in 1994 — with the Mavericks. He returned to Dallas in a trade last year with New Jersey, where he made two trips to the NBA Finals with the Nets. Kidd is third on the NBA's career list in assists and triple-doubles).

Also:

■ The Oklahoma City Thunder signed guard James Harden, center B.J. Mullens and forward Serge Ibaka. Terms of the deals were not disclosed.

Harden, the third overall pick in the draft, was a first-team All-American and the Pac-10 player of the year at Arizona State. Ohio State's Mullens was the sixth man of the year in the Big Ten. Ibaka spent last season playing for Ricoh Manresa of the Spanish ACB League.

## 1,500 meter champ tests positive

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Track gold medalist Rashid Ramzi's backup sample tested positive for a banned blood-booster, the head of Bahrain's Olympic Committee told the AP on Sunday.

The 1,500-meter champ and four other athletes tested positive for the blood-boosting drug CERA in April retests of their "A" samples from the Beijing Games. "I can confirm we have received (Ramzi's) 'B' sample and it was positive," said Sheik Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa, secretary general of Bahrain's Olympic Committee.

Ramzi said he is innocent. Ahmed said his organization hired lawyers to assist Ramzi in arguing his case.

# 'Steve was like a hero,' Titans' Young says at McNair funeral

BY TERESA M. WALKER  
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The Associated Press

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Titans quarterback Vince Young didn't expect to speak Saturday during his mentor's funeral. He wound up summing up the emotional day with just a few words.

"Steve was like a hero to me, and heroes are not supposed to die," Young said before stopping to rub his eyes as he talked about the man he knew from football camps as a teenager and called "Pops" — Steve McNair, his predecessor with the Titans.

McNair was shot and killed on the Fourth of July by his girlfriend, Sahel Kazemi, 20, who then shot herself in the head.

Nearly 5,000 turned out to say goodbye to the 36-year-old during one of the biggest funerals in



**Ravens line-backer Ray Lewis, far left, and Titans quarterback Vince Young attend the funeral for Steve McNair on Saturday.**

GEORGE CLARK/AP

the recent history of Mississippi, McNair's home state.

Fans and friends filed into the Reed Green Coliseum on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi, and McNair's family rented buses to haul in people from his hometown of Mount Olive. Not far away sat men who competed against McNair or coached him on the field.

The high school football team McNair's son plays on wore their jerseys in honor of the man they often saw smiling from the sidelines. "Mississippi has lost a tremendous legend," said Cardell Jones, McNair's college coach at Alcorn State.

The hearse carrying McNair's casket was escorted 30 miles down Highway 49 by nine po-

lice officers on motorcycles, and several vehicles carried family members. After the two-hour service, the procession headed back down the road for a private burial at Griffith Cemetery, about 20 miles from Mount Olive.

Police escorted McNair's wife, Mechelle, and his mother, Lucille, into the stadium. Near the end, a handful of people surrounded his mother and his sons, waving them with fans and programs and giving hugs. Brett Favre, who had a home near McNair's in Hattiesburg, sat a few rows behind the McNair family. Titans coach Jeff Fisher, Baltimore line-backer Ray Lewis and Chicago quarterback Jay Cutler attended. Doug Williams, the first black quarterback to win the Super Bowl, was there.

Young was added to the service late, and the quarterback drafted by Tennessee in 2006 to replace

McNair remembered him as a father and mentor. Young said he felt selfish at times taking McNair away from his four sons to help him through his own life.

Lewis played against McNair and was his teammate the final two years of his NFL career. Lewis said he learned studying film and proper technique wouldn't help him beat a quarterback fueled by drive and sacrifice. "I find myself in awe when I speak about a man like Steve McNair," Lewis said.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones sent flowers. Titans owner Bud Adams attended a memorial service Thursday in Nashville, where thousands more attended. Fisher was called on to speak from the audience, and he pulled Young to the podium and led the audience in the Lord's Prayer just as he did during 11 seasons with McNair before kickoffs.



## SPORTS



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## ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP: UFC 100

# Lesnar, St. Pierre keep belts

## Heavyweight shows WWE side, makes scene after stopping Mir

By GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Although Brock Lesnar left pro wrestling three years ago to become the UFC's heavyweight champion, he still hasn't gotten all the showtime out of his system.

Lesnar stopped Frank Mir with a merciless flurry of punches Saturday night, defending his title in the final bout of UFC 100 on a landmark weekend recognizing the best in his proliferating sport.

Lesnar then taunted his fallen opponent, made a two-handed obscene gesture at the booing crowd and insulted a UFC sponsor, putting an altogether unflattering end on what the league planned as a sparkling celebration of mixed martial arts.

The former WWE star just couldn't resist being a heel, even though he apologized profusely afterward.

"I acted very unprofessionally after the fight," Lesnar said of his second-round victory. "There was a lot of emotion in this bout, (but) I love this company, and I love to fight. I went into the entertainment business for a little while, and I guess there's still a little bit of it in me."



LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL, JOHN LOCHER/AP

**Georges St. Pierre attempts to choke Thiago Alves during their welterweight title bout in UFC 100 at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas on Saturday. St. Pierre dominated the fight and won by unanimous decision to keep his belt.**

There were no such theatrics from Georges St. Pierre, who defended his welterweight title with exponentially more class in a unanimous decision over Thiago Alves in front of a sellout crowd at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

And Dan Henderson knocked out Michael Bisping with a single punch in a middleweight upset as the UFC rolled its odometer into triple digits.

Lesnar (4-1) stole the show with what happened after his relentless series of right hands into the face of Mir, who handed Lesnar his only loss nearly 18 months ago.

"I was absolutely blown away," said UFC president Dana White, who has labored to put a professional face on his sport. "In the history of the UFC, we've never had somebody do anything like that. ... That's not who he is. I've spent time with this guy. He gets in there, and the adrenaline starts kicking. The mouth is moving, but the brain isn't sending stuff to the mouth."

"He's a smart guy. He gets it, but I believe that what he said tonight, he's been in the WWE for so long, he thinks he has to jump in there and be the heel or whatever."

Lesnar, who turns 32 on Sunday, again moved upward in the eclectic trajectory of a former college wrestler who performed in the WWE and briefly suited up for the Minnesota Vikings before embarking on a MMA career just more than three years ago.

Mir (12-4) beat Lesnar with a knee bar in UFC 81, forcing Lesnar to tap out 90 seconds into his second UFC fight. Lesnar, whose name recognition and menacing approach earned him lightning-quick shots at the sport's biggest prizes, recovered by beating Heath Herring and then stopping Randy Couture last November to claim the heavyweight belt.

Lesnar used his 265 pounds to take position on top of Mir early, and Lesnar stayed on top throughout a dull first round, throwing punches that mostly did little. Mir made a bit of headway in the second, but was trapped against the octagon by Lesnar, who kept throwing right hands until Mir's defense wilted.

Lesnar then pointed and taunted when Mir, his face caked in blood, stood up. After acknowledging the fans' boos with two middle fingers, Lesnar took the microphone and looked pointedly at the Bud Light logo on the cage floor while announcing he would be drinking Coors Light to celebrate, "because Bud Light won't pay me."

Nearly 16 years after MMA pioneer Royce Gracie won three fights in one night to triumph in UFC 1 in Denver, the sport reached a centennial of sorts before a frenzied sellout crowd in the UFC's hometown.



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**Brock Lesnar, right, gets in Frank Mir's face after their heavyweight title bout in UFC 100 at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas on Saturday. Lesnar, a former pro wrestling star, apologized for his post-fight theatrics, which included taunting Mir and flipping off fans.**

The arena was packed well before the main bouts, including some fans who apparently paid more than \$40,000 online for resold tickets.

The league has grown from a bit player in a fringe pastime to an estimated \$1 billion company, and the weekend's festivities reflected its success despite the widespread skepticism it still faces from other sports fans and some states' lawmakers.

The 100th showcase was broadcast live in 75 countries, and thousands of fans without tickets for the event packed into closed-circuit shows all along the Strip. Tens of thousands attended the first UFC Fan Expo, immersing themselves in the lifestyle built around the sport.

St. Pierre (19-2), the classy Canadian star considered among the UFC's pound-for-pound best, won every round on every scorecard while steadily punishing his Brazilian opponent with punches, kicks and re-

peated takedowns in his third title defense.

St. Pierre also injured his groin in the third, and Alves (22-5) managed to gain position for the only time in the fight. St. Pierre escaped and nearly finished it with a rear naked choke on Alves, who lost for the first time in eight fights.

St. Pierre blamed the injury on an abbreviated warmup period.

"I'm in really bad pain," St. Pierre said. "I don't know how long it's going to take me (to recover). It's not the first time it happened."

In the undercard showdown between the veteran fighters who served as coaches during the past season of the UFC's popular television show, Henderson (25-7) flattened Bisping with a spectacular right hand in the second round. "What happened?" Bisping asked Wolfslair Academy training mate Rampage Jackson as they walked to the locker room afterward.